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Nurses charge rape

Filipinos ordered out

MANILA, Sept 6. (AP): The government has ordered the repatriation of 20 Filipinos working at a clinic in Saudi Arabia after five nurses complained they had been raped by their employer.

The department of foreign affairs said it issued the order yesterday after the Philippine embassy in Riyadh verified the reports. The department said Saudi authorities would also be asked to act on complaints of the Filipinos.

According to officials, the Filipinos were working at a clinic in Hail, 700 kilometres (430 miles) northwest of Riyadh.

Nusrat off key: India

Kashmir out of bounds

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (Reuter): India protested to Pakistan today after Pakistan's Senior Minister Nusrat Bhutto mentioned their dispute over Kashmir in a public speech at the non-aligned summit.

The two countries had earlier appeared to be setting aside tensions rising from three wars, two of them over Kashmir, a disputed border area. India controls two-thirds of the territory and Pakistan the remainder.

"We expressed our regret over Mr Bhutto's decision to raise a purely bilateral issue at a public meeting like the non-aligned summit," Indian Minister of State for External Affairs, Natwar Singh, said.

Nusrat, the mother of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, said in her speech that Pakistan wanted good relations with India and added: "We shall seek a peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute."

But there were clear signs of improving ties, with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi giving low key treatment to the Afghan in his main conference speech, signalling a mood of accommodation for Pakistan's views.

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More sheep rejected

CANBERRA, Australia, Sept 6. (AP): Saudi Arabia today rejected without explanation another shipload of 100,000 Australian live sheep, Australian officials said.

The Saudi rejection brings to 400,000 the number of Australian live sheep turned away in the past six weeks.

Previous shipments were barred after Saudi Arabia claimed the animals were diseased.

The Australian industry has banned live sheep exports to Saudi Arabia until the health question is clarified.

An Abu Dhabi municipal official said today that more than 5,000 Australian sheep which died here after being rejected by Saudi Arabia had been killed by fatigue and Malta fever.

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Palestinian arrested

Police arrested an alleged Palestinian commando and three suspected members of the Red Brigades on Tuesday in an international operation they said showed links between Palestinians and Italian terrorists.

Carabinieri paramilitary police said in Rome that all four, including Khalid Bishara, 29, an alleged member of the Patah Revolutionary Council led by Abu Nidal, had been captured in Italy following the arrest of five suspected Italian guerrillas in Paris last weekend.

Colonel Lucio Romeo, Rome's Carabinieri commander, told a news conference the arrest of Bishara, a Jordanian, "certainly shows a link between the Red Brigades and the Abu Nidal group."

He said Bishara, who like the others held in Italy was charged with subversive association and belonging to an armed band, had been "totally integrated into the Italian group," which is known as the Red Brigades-fighting Communists Party. (Reuter)

Benefits exaggerated: Two widely referred studies showing that cholesterol-lowering drugs reduce the risk of heart disease exaggerate the benefits of the drugs, researchers said in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The lipid research clinics and Helsinki heart studies involved thousands of middle-aged men and millions of dollars. The widely reported results showed the incidence of heart disease in men with no symptoms.

In this article in the current edition of the journal, internist Allan Brett of New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston said "pharmaceutical advertising ... stretches the truth to its limits." (Reuter)

Army calms rioting: The Army was called in to restore order in a northeast Indian town on Wednesday after clashes between Bodo tribesmen agitating for a state of their own and Muslim immigrants to Assam, police said.

Despite agreement last month to work out a political solution to the seven-month Bodo agitation in which more than 500 people have been killed, fighting has continued.

Police said the spark to the fresh trouble appeared to have been a bomb which killed two people and injured 18, mostly Muslims, at a rice market at Kurnikata on Sunday. (Reuter)

Cocaine seized: A Venezuelan merchant navy officer was arrested at Milan airport on Wednesday after customs officers found 26 kg (47 pounds) of cocaine worth \$19 million in his baggage.

Police said he was carrying the drugs in a cardboard box marked "computer parts."

The uniformed officer, who arrived at Malpensa airport on a flight from Caracas, was taken to prison for questioning.

He was the second Venezuelan citizen arrested at the airport in three days. (Reuter)

US agent slain: An undercover US agent was shot to death and another was wounded on Wednesday while investigating an alien smuggling operation, police said.

Officers sealed off a neighbourhood near the shooting scene in the parking lot of a convenience store and arrested four suspects, one by one, about 5-1/2 hours after the shootings, police said. (AP)

King Fahd well

RIYADH, Sept 6. (Kunis): An authoritative Saudi source today denied a report by Radio Tehran concerning the health of the Saudi monarch King Fahd.

The source told the Saudi Press Agency in a brief statement that the radio's report is a fabrication and totally baseless.

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NICOSIA, Sept 6. (Reuter): Iran, embarking on a new phase of pragmatism in foreign policy, has launched a vigorous campaign to improve relations with nearby Gulf Arab states, including Saudi Arabia.

The non-aligned summit in Belgrade gave Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, long considered a dove in Iranian politics, an opportunity to initiate meetings with the leaders of Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain

The official Iranian news agency Irafa said Velayati held five meetings with leaders and officials from the GCC while attending the non-aligned conference in

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Lanka bans strikes, 12 die

COLOMBO, Sept 6. (Agencies): Political violence in Sri Lanka left 12 people dead as authorities today invoked emergency rules banning workers from joining strikes called by Sinhalese militants trying to topple the government, officials said.

A full state-of-emergency has been in effect for more than three months to counter the mounting insurrection by the People's Liberation Front, a leftist radical group of Buddhist Sinhalese also known as the Janatha Vimukti Peramuna (JVP).

More than 4,000 people have died since President Ranasinghe Premadasa took office last December, and military officials reported 12 more fatalities occurred overnight yesterday, four of them JVP members slain during a police dragnet near Matara, 100 miles (160 km) south of Colombo.

The officials said JVP activists in an apparent retaliation in Matara killed the elderly parents of a security official and burned down their house, and torched the homes of two soldiers.

They also reported the radicals killed six civilians in Kandy, 60 miles (100 km) northeast of Colombo. They have no details, but JVP victims are usually ruling party members, government officials, security personnel and their relatives.

In another development, the government moved to thwart JVP-called general strikes, which have left the island republic's economy in a critical condition, and seriously undermined the authority of Premadasa's administration.

A five-day-long stoppage last week paralysed the entire Sinhalese-dominated southern and central areas, and a JVP call for the strike to continue until next Monday apparently prompted the government to invoke emergency rules ordering all state and private employees to attend work.

"All supplies and services both in the public and private sectors essential to maintain the life of the community, have been declared as essential services under emergency regulations," read a directive from the prime minister's office.

"It has become necessary to serve requisition or services order ... to enable workers to come to work and carry such duties and functions as allocated to them without fear or favour," it said. "We want to ensure subversives no longer use fear tactics to cripple the working of services essential to the life of the community."

More than 150 Sinhalese rebels have surrendered to Sri Lankan authorities in the past few days, a government statement said today.

It said 44 rebels gave themselves up in north-central province yesterday at government offices, police stations and army camps.

Prices in Sri Lanka's main fish market have slumped, partly on consumer fears the fish may be eating human bodies floating into the sea.

"I'm not eating fish any more. How can I eat my own flesh and blood?" said a housewife in the capital, Colombo.

Bloodfish used in curries, fished just 80 rupees a kg today in the fly-infested St John's market.

A taxi driver said the price of big fish had fallen most. "They are the ones that eat the bodies," he said.

Charles again attacks modern architects

LONDON, Sept 6. (AP): Arguments in Britain about modern architecture reach a new peak this week with a renewed attack from Prince Charles and a reply from architects on national television.

The Prince's book "A Vision of Britain," to be published tomorrow, describes some of the buildings of the

past 30 years as "Frankenstein monsters, devoid of character, alien and largely unloved except by the professors who have been concocting these horrors in their laboratories."

Introducing extracts from the 160-page book, the Sunday Times told its readers: "The Prince assaults post-World War II architects in the most

abusive terms, saying they inhabit a shadowy world of powerful interest groups."

William Rodgers, a former lawmaker who runs the Royal Institute of British Architects, rebuked the Prince, saying: "The argument has become silly and extreme."

"I am not disposed to believe that

architects are always right. But now, however, do I think heirs to the throne are always right either."

As his book hits the shops — with publishers Doubleday predicting sales of 500,000 — the Prince will visit the Victoria and Albert Museum to see an exhibition about buildings that restates his views.

On Thursday night, the British Broadcasting Corp. will rerun the Prince's 75-minute first venture into TV writing last October, a programme on buildings he narrated in which he accused some urban developers of inflicting "terrible damage" on city landscapes.

The BBC gives architects, who feel

they don't have the public platform the Prince enjoys, a chance to reply on Friday.

They will argue in a separate programme that the Prince is obsessed with classical architecture of the past which is irrelevant today and that he is confused about the architect's role in society.



Bakker mentally fit

A US judge ruled yesterday that television evangelist Jim Bakker was not mentally ill and ordered the resumption of his trial on charges of spending millions of dollars in donations on homes, cars and holidays.

Judge Robert Potter had suspended the trial last Thursday after Bakker's psychiatrist testified the evangelist had lost touch with reality and reported seeing people change into frightening animals bent on destroying him.

Potter ordered the trial to resume after a psychiatrist who examined Bakker for five days said he was

having a panic attack and not hallucinating when he reported seeing large ants with antennae outside the courtroom a week ago.

Psychiatrist Sally Johnson said Bakker was aware that what he was seeing was a crowd of reporters and television technicians with earphones. "He did not lose contact with the fact that these were people from the media," she said.

Johnson said her examination revealed Bakker had suffered attacks of panic in the past and the stress of the trial last Wednesday caused another one.

Marcos' crisis 'over'

Filipino reds kill 2 soldiers

MANILA, Sept 6. (Agencies): Suspected rebels killed two soldiers in an ambush near the US-run Clark air base and shot to death a policeman in another incident west of the capital, the military said.

A military report said the soldiers were driving to their headquarters when guerrillas opened fire on their jeep yesterday in Porac town, west of the American base.

One soldier was wounded and another escaped unhurt during a five-minute gunfight with the rebels of the communist New People's Army (NPA), the military said.

Another report said suspected NPA hit men yesterday shot and killed police patrolman Leonardo Estrella Jr while eating his supper inside a restaurant in Orion town, Bataan province, across Manila Bay. The lawman sustained five gunshot wounds and died on the spot, the report said.

The 23,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, has been battling to overthrow the Manila government for the past 20 years.

In the nearby province of Bataan, soldiers killed one of the most wanted communist rebel leaders in a raid yesterday outside Manila, the military said.

He reported yesterday that Marcos' blood pressure had risen and that the former leader was responding to medication to keep it up. He would not give specifics about Marcos' blood pressure or other details of his condition.

The 71-year-old former leader has been hospitalised since Jan 15 with a variety of serious ailments. He has been listed in critical condition since late May, and suffers from heart, kidney and respiratory failure.

"It's been a really rough weekend, but in these past few months we've seen one miracle after another, so I still have hope," said wife Imelda, 60. "I just pray and give everything to the Lord. His will be done. I think he is on our side."

But one Marcos aide, who requested anonymity, questioned how long Marcos could

hold on. "I think the doctors have just about given up," she said, adding that the bleeding was under control by late yesterday morning.

Roger Puyan, a Marcos family spokesman, said the latest deterioration in Marcos' condition began Saturday. By Sunday Marcos' blood pressure was down to an alarmingly low level of 42 over 37, said Puyan.

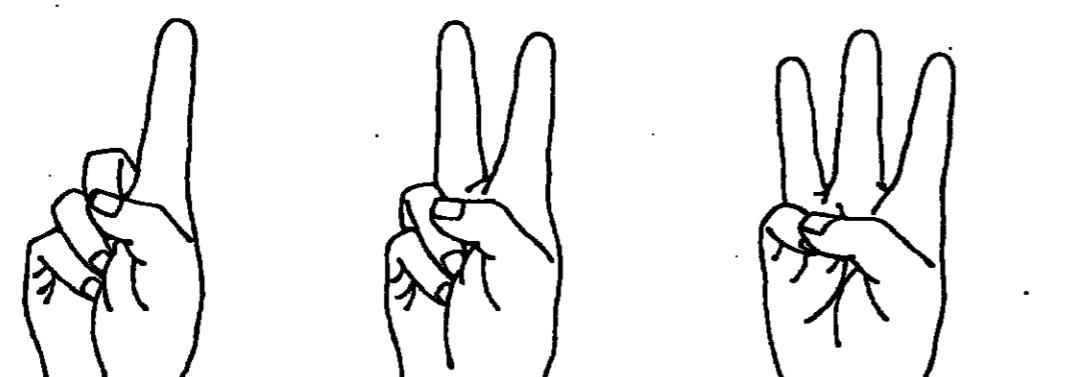
Imelda said her husband received two pints of blood yesterday morning, but that he began bleeding internally after doctors tried to administer medication through a vein in his neck.

"His blood isn't clotting well and so it became a problem," she said, adding that the bleeding was under control by late yesterday morning.

He remains on a respirator and has daily kidney dialysis.

The Marcoses have lived in Hawaii since they fled the Philippines in a 1986 uprising that ushered Corazon Aquino into power.

Last October, the United States indicted the couple on criminal racketeering charges for allegedly stealing nearly \$200 million from their homeland and funneling it into this country.



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Italians arrive to identify Cuban air crash victims

MEXICO CITY, Sept 6. (AP): An Italian commission arrived in Havana to identify bodies and help investigate the Cuban jetliner crash that killed at least 150 people, the Cuban news agency, Prensa Latina reported.

Arriving with the commission on an Italian Air Force plane yesterday were 120 to 130 family members of the Italian victims, Prensa Latina said in a dispatch monitored in Mexico City.

Rogelio Acevedo, president of the civil aeronautics institute, who heads the government commission that is investigating the crash, met the Italians upon their arrival, Prensa Latina reported.

The Cuban de Aviación plane crashed moments after takeoff from Havana in a thunderstorm Sunday, destroying two square blocks of homes in a suburb a half mile (8 kilometers) from the airport.

The chartered airliner was carrying 113 Italian tourists returning home from vacation, Prensa Latina reported. The flight was bound for Milan, Italy, with a stop in Cologne, West Germany.

The plane was carrying 115 passengers and 11 crew. All were killed except 22-year-old Luigi Capaldo of Parma, Italy. A doctor at Calixto Garcia hospital in Havana was quoted as describing Capaldo in extremely critical condition with burns

over 70 per cent of his body, head, limbs and broken left leg.

An estimated 25 people on the ground in the Boyeros suburb also were killed and dozens injured, Prensa Latina reported. It quoted officials as saying 14 people on the ground died immediately, and another 26 were injured. It gave a death toll of at least 150 saying three people remain missing.

Of the 40 bodies identified so far, 26 were Cuban and 14 Italians, Prensa Latina reported.

One witness described the horror of seeing the wreckage plunge into his neighbourhood, lasting 14 hours and damaging another 19

Middle-aged women reassured by Harvard report

US study fails to find link between pill and breast cancer

WASHINGTON, Sept 6, (UPI): Reassuring millions of middle-aged women, Harvard researchers yesterday released a major study that failed to find any link between past birth control pill use and breast cancer.

The study did not, however, provide new evidence about whether younger women taking the pill are at increased risk for breast cancer — a controversial question that has recently caused considerable concern.

Reporting in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, the Harvard team said it found women over 45 who had used oral

contraceptives in the past did not have an increased risk for breast cancer — even if they had taken the pill for more than 10 years.

The findings contrast with three recent studies conducted in the United States and Britain that found long-term use of oral contraceptives appeared to significantly increase the risk for breast cancer in women under 45.

Dr Walter Willett, co-author of the Harvard study, noted women in his study were generally older than those involved in the earlier studies and few women of the age

group in his study were still taking the pill.

Participants in the continuing nurses' health study, which has tracked the health of about 120,000 nurses in 11 large states since 1976, currently range in age from 43 to 68. About half of the women involved in the study had taken oral contraceptives — a use pattern similar to the general female population, Willett said.

"There does remain an unanswered question about the effects of longer-term contraceptive use in early reproductive life," Willett cautioned. "Since the youngest participant is now 43 and oral contraceptives

did not become available under the early 1960s, this study did not include the generation of women who used oral contraceptives for extended periods before the age of 25."

However, Willett said the new findings should provide reassurance to millions of women now in their 40s and 50s that past use of the pill probably will have little effect on their risk of developing breast cancer.

The Harvard researchers did find the small number of women who continued using the pill after 40 had a "modest" increase in breast cancer risk.

Those who had used oral contraceptives

range from about seven to 13 million.

In January, a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel rejected a proposal to add a breast cancer warning to labels on oral contraceptives. The action came after the panel unanimously concluded the pill did not increase the overall breast cancer risk to all women.

The committee acknowledged some studies have found pill use increase cancer risk in certain women — such as those under 45, those who are long-time users or those who started at an early age. But experts concluded none of the data was definitive.

American families change

More divorces, single parents in US

WASHINGTON, Sept 6, (KUNA): Many more single people, soaring divorce rates and sharp increases in single-parent families are among the dramatic social changes wrought over past generation, the US Census Bureau has disclosed.

In a three-report "snapshot" provided by its population specialists, the bureau showed the US since about 1955 to have:

■ More people marrying much later, from 20.2 years old in 1955 for women and 22.6 for

men to 23.6 for women and 25.9 for men in 1988.

■ More people divorcing, with 35 per 1,000 married people in 1960 versus 133 per 1,000 divorced people by 1988. Three quarters remarry, leading to more families with step-parents.

■ More illegitimate children, especially among blacks — with the highest numbers overall for illegitimate births ever recorded in

the US 80.9 percent of blacks aged 15 to 44 are born out of wedlock, while 23.2 percent of white babies are born of unmarried parents.

As a direct result, the Census Bureau reports stated, the numbers of one-parent households has soared from 12.9 percent in 1970 to 27.3 percent in 1988. In racial terms the disparities were equally as stark as for illegitimacy: 21.7 percent of white families were "single-parent" (usually the mother) while for blacks the percentage was 59.4.



Thatcher: save
Maggie is green

LONDON, Sept 6, (KUNA): Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has called for urgent international action to protect the environment while there was still time.

Speaking at the International Parliamentary Union conference in Central London today, she said it was "our bounding duty" to act while there was still time.

The list of things that needed to be done was daunting but to demand a better environment meant accepting the cost involved, she added in a wide-ranging speech, the first since the holiday season.

Referring to events in the Soviet Union, Thatcher pointed out that it is essential to understand that the "Soviet people will not be persuaded to make the sacrifices necessary for economic reform to succeed unless they are given their political rights."

Inquest in death of Briton resumes

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept 6, (AP): The game warden in charge of a southwestern Kenya game reserve where a British woman died mysteriously last year said yesterday there were no indications wood was used in a fire that burned her belongings.

Sirion Ole Makala, senior warden at the Masai Mara Game Reserve, also said footprints led from the car to the direction where Julie Anne Ward's remains — the lower jaw and a leg — were found.

Makala was answering questions from Alex Etyang who is representing the government in an inquest into the 28-year-old woman's death. Ms Ward's father, John Ward of Bury St Edmunds, has hired Byron Giorgiadis, a leading criminal lawyer in Kenya.

The inquest resumed Monday after a three-week suspension.

Makala said he formed the impression wood had not been used to make the fire because "there was no charcoal."

He said searchers found coins, a saucepan, camping stove, a spoon, a cap, "and other things all burnt" in the ashes. He also said he saw a human leg, "from knee downwards," not very far from the fire. The bone had been burnt where it was severed just below the knee.

The remains were found Sept. 13, 1988.

Ward has in the past said his daughter was killed and then efforts were made to burn the body and her belongings.

Makala's assertion that footprints led from Ms Ward's abandoned vehicle at the Sand River contradicted Sebastian Tham who previously told the inquest there were no footprints leading away from the Briton's vehicle.

Tham, a helicopter pilot, and Ward were the first people to reach the vehicle. Ward will testify later.

"The footprints began about 10 metres (32 feet) from the vehicle and were in the riverbed," Makala said. "Then they went over the slope and disappeared in the grass."

Makala said a team of rangers and police officers later found Ms Ward's remains about 10 kilometres (6 miles) from the vehicle after sighting vultures hovering.

Cross examined by Giorgiadis, Makala also contradicted Perez Olindo, a former director of Kenya's Wildlife Conservation and Management Department, and Superintendent Charles Isikha, former local police boss.

Olindo had testified in the morning that he saw no可able track along the Sand River when he searched for Ms Ward's vehicle from the air on Sept. 11.

On Monday, Isikha, now based in Nairobi, described the track as a "panya route," a rough route used by smugglers.

There are only 400 to 500

Philippine crocodiles in the wild.

The species, known scientifically as *Crocodylus mindorensis*, has

declined because of human encroachment on their habitat,

Burchfield said.

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She said the department is reviewing

Honduran newspapers blast Anne

Princess ignores kids

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Sept 6, (AP): Honduran newspapers yesterday blasted Britain's Princess Anne as unfriendly and impolite, saying she ignored barefoot children who were trying to greet her.

Anne, who is on a two-day visit to the Central American country as president of the Save the Children Fund, travelled by helicopter yesterday to government hospitals in the provinces. They included a nutrition centre about 250 miles (400 kilometres) northwest of Tegucigalpa.

Princess Anne arrived, not very nice, read a headline in the Daily Tiempo.

"Impoliteness reigned in the visit by Anne," said La Prensa, which has the largest circulation in the country.

"Anne ignored a group of poor children, then majority of them barefoot, who carried welcome signs outside the Tegucigalpa Airport," a story in Tiempo said.

not say if the princess or her aides

refused the gift.

Mrs Orellana said she would save the gift for another visitor but regretted Anne's attitude, simply because that gift was going to be given on behalf of children suffering from polio," the newspaper said.

Princess Anne, 39, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth and seventh in line to the throne, had been known in the 1970s for her often cold and brisk manner, but her devoted efforts for save the Children and willingness to go to dangerous places to work for the poor have made her one of the most respected members of the royal family.

Buckingham Palace announced a day before Anne left on the trip that she and her husband of 15 years, Mark Phillips, 40, were separating.

Princess Anne, will return to Ecuador today, where she and Phillips spent a fairytale honeymoon just over 15 years ago.

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Walking on water

California lawyer Dan Hodges walks across the sea arrived at Portpatrick five hours after he left Bangor. (Reuters wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Adamson case

Suspect charged

NAIROBI, Sept 6, (Reuters): A Somali tribesman has been charged with the murder of conservationist George Adamson and two of his employees in a remote game reserve in northeastern Kenya two weeks ago.

Too bad I won't get it in time for my lawyer," said Charles E. Wilson, after being told it would take up to two months to collect the prize.

Wilson, 33, of Brooksville,

Florida, was in jail Sunday night awaiting extradition in a few days to Carthage, Missouri, to face a drug charge when he was brought a fish sandwich, french fries and a coke.

"I thought may I'd win a

hamburger and they'd pick me up an extra one," said Wilson, who was arrested on Thursday night. "I pulled it off and said, 'Do what?'"

"It's pretty good to be sitting in jail and win \$1,000," he said. (AP)

WASHINGTON: People holding US government cheques soon will have but one year to cash them or they must go to the trouble of having the check reissued, the US Treasury Department said on Tuesday.

A new law requires checks dated Oct 1 and later to be cashed within one year of issue. The phrase "void after one year" will be printed on the checks as a reminder.

The law also required people holding checks dated prior to Oct 1 to cash them no later than Sept 30, 1990.

Commissioner W.E. Dougias of the department's financial management service said in a statement that "not only is it a poor business practice to keep the government's books open 'forever,' it is also expensive to maintain the records."

Shortly before midnight local time (0400 GMT) Monday, a crowd of about 40 young people protested when a police dog tore at the clothes of a man officers were arresting. Police sealed off the area and the confrontation ended about 20 minutes later.

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S. Africa's whites vote, blacks strike

Non-whites reject de Klerk's hollow promise

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 6. (Agencies): Whites voted in a general election today in towns deserted by millions of voiceless black citizens, one of the biggest protest strikes in South African history.

Acting President F.W. de Klerk's ruling National Party (NP) is expected to be returned to power for the 11th time in what could be the last poll to exclude the black majority.

But de Klerk's election pledge to give 25 million blacks a role in government were resoundingly rejected by millions of non-whites who boycotted workplaces and schools on the second day of a national strike against their exclusion from the polls.

A small bunch of agitators are behind the problems in our country," he said.

The independent labour monitor said it put the number of striking workers at between two and three million. The largest previous strike was in June 1988 when 2.3 million workers staged a protest stoppage against the imposition of emergency rule.

Near Cape Town police fired shotguns and rubber bullets at a crowd of about 100 people protesting against the election at a polling station in the coloured (mixed race) township of Grassy Park, witnesses said.

But the protesters, bearing placards exclaiming "don't vote," said no one was hurt in the clash.

Across the country, South Africa's two million white voters boycotted as their ballot boxes and voting virtually devoid of the usual crowds and bustle.

In the coloured Reiger Park township near Johannesburg, scores of police whipped a crowd of placard-waving demonstrators protesting against the election.

Police reported that youths in townships across the country set up burning barricades and threw stones and petrol bombs in political unrest during the past 24 hours.

Police reported dozens of stone-throwing and arson incidents over the past 24 hours, many of them linked to street demonstrators attempting to keep black workers from leaving the townships for nearby cities. At least 300 people were arrested, police said, including 300 University of Natal students and academics.

The Durban and Port Elizabeth areas remained paralysed by the strike.

Transport officials said ridership on trains in the industrial Witwatersrand region surrounding Johannesburg was down by 65 per cent, and a spokesman for the Associated Chambers of Commerce said the stayaway was "quite obviously very, very substantial."

In the Johannesburg area voting started slowly in chilly, blustery weather. Small groups of police guarded a number of polling stations, but kept a low profile.

De Klerk was cheered by an enthusiastic crowd of supporters when he and his wife turned up early to vote in the Pretoria constituency of Waterkloof.

Last night about 500 activists chanting political slogans burnt an effigy of De Klerk in Lemaso, an Indian residential area outside Johannesburg.

De Klerk has promised the country's estimated 12.5 million disenfranchised blacks — about half the total 25 million black population — a limited but unspecified say in national politics at the next election.

But police have clamped down on a six-week-long pre-election campaign of defiance against apartheid, using whips, water cannon and teargas against protesters and detaining thousands.

South Africa's 1.5 million coloured and 510,000 Indian voters can vote for racially segregated chambers but these have no say on decisions in the powerful white house of assembly.

Counting was due to start immediately after polling stations closed at 9 pm (1900 GMT) today and the final result should be known early tomorrow.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the leaders of the defiance campaign, branded the election a complete farce.

Nujoma.

Sam Nujoma, leader of Namibia's South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo), will return to Namibia on Sept 14 after almost 30 years in exile, a spokesman for the movement said today.

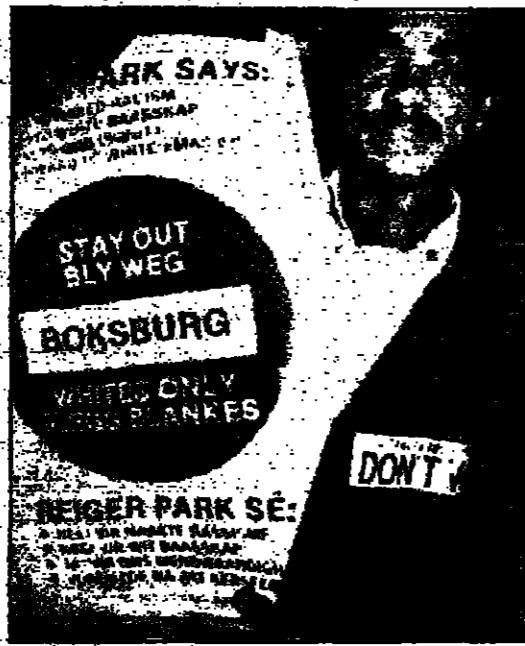
"Our leader is coming home to stay," the Swapo director of elections, Hage Geingob, announced at a news conference.

The co-chairman of the panel of eminent persons conducting public hearings on South Africa, Canaan S. Banana, today warned of a "terrible bloodbath" in South Africa unless the international community urgently supported measures to end apartheid.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the country's biggest labour organisation, said three million people, including two million non-union workers, and several million schoolchildren took part in the "stayaway."

"The significant thing is that more people have taken action in opposition to apartheid than have voted in the apartheid elections," said Cosatu General Secretary Jay Naidoo. He said the strike was the largest in South African history.

"The scale of the protest exposes the government's arguments that a



A coloured (mixed race) resident of Reiger Park in Boksburg, South Africa holds a poster at an anti-election rally on Monday. The rally condemned the Conservative Party-controlled council of Boksburg for reimposing strict apartheid. (Reuters wirephoto)



A worker completes a sign advertising Johannesburg's main evening newspaper, The Star, predicting loss for South Africa's ruling National Party in limited parliamentary elections on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)



Anti-apartheid church leader Dr Allan Boesak (right) together with other lawyers and academics, negotiate with police in an armoured vehicle outside his church Tuesday in Bellville, South Africa. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chinese pilot defects

TAIPEI, Sept 6. (Reuters): A Chinese military pilot defected to Taiwan in his MiG-19 fighter today, a Taiwan Defence Ministry spokesman said.

The pilot, first Lieutenant Jiang Wenhuai, 24, landed on the offshore stronghold Quemoy at 2.16 pm (0616 GMT), the 14th airman to defect since 1960 from the communist mainland to Nationalist Taiwan.

Jiang is the first defector to land on Quemoy, a tiny island just off the Chinese coast which butches with military hardware and is seen by Taipei as the first line of defence against a possible Chinese attack.

A Nationalist airforce general, who asked not to be named, said the military was taken by surprise from the pilot's short flight from China's Fujian province.

He said the actual flight was only about 50 km (30 miles) and there was no time to intercept the plane.

Baby girls' plight

Sheer torture

BEIJING, Sept 6. (Reuters): A Chinese couple tortured their five-year-old daughter, even dragging her through a field behind a tractor, because a fortune teller said she would bring bad luck to their son, an official newspaper said today.

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In Seoul, more than 1,000 protesters in Taegu and Suwon also clashed with riot police and four armoured vehicles firing tear gas stormed onto the sprawling campus of state-run Seoul national university to break up an anti-government rally.

"Overthrow Roh Tae-Woo," screamed students as they fled

Protesters battle police

Thousands call for Roh's ouster

SEOUL, Sept 6. (AP): Thousands of students, workers and Buddhist monks calling for the ouster of President Roh Tae-Woo demonstrated today in five cities in stepped-up anti-government protests.

Hundreds of riot police in green combat fatigues and black visored helmets blocked the school's main gate as students fought back with clubs and rocks. Some students armed with metal pipes smashed at police who ducked behind shields. Students did not use firebombs.

There were many injuries but no arrests were reported. Witnesses said about two dozen cars in a campus parking lot were smashed by rocks thrown by both sides.

In Pusan, the nation's second-largest city of the south coast, about 1,600 students from three colleges battled riot police with firebombs and rocks, demanding the release of a radical student arrested for making an illegal trip to communist North Korea in defiance of a government ban.

Hundreds of ... students in Taegu and Suwon also clashed with riot police following anti-government campus rallies in support of workers, farmers and unionized teachers punished or reprimanded by authorities.

Wednesday's anti-government demonstrations also had strong anti-US overtones.

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Indonesia arrests two W.Germans for drug dealing

JAKARTA, Sept 6. (UPI): Indonesian police announced today they have arrested two West Germans suspected of being members of an international drug syndicate.

Col. Jeanne Mandagi said Martin Mueller, Karl Leopard, 30, and Peter Mathias, 26, were apprehended in a hotel Aug 19 and 21. She said both used fake passports to enter Indonesia and one was in possession of

samples of cocaine and hashish.

The pair were accused of entering the country to study the possibility of exporting cocaine and hashish from their factories to Indonesia.

Kusparmono Irsan of the Criminal Investigation Department said at present the most popular drug here was marijuana.

"We have heroin and morphine but not

Polling ends in Netherlands

THE HAGUE, Sept 6. (UPI): Polling stations closed in Holland today after a bright, sunny general election in which the country's 11 million electorate were expected to return caretaker Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers to power for his third successive term.

Pre-election polls said Lubbers, the charismatic leader of Holland's Christian Democratic Party, would be given a vote of confidence by the electorate — if not increasing his mandate at least keeping his party's position in Parliament.

The main final poll, taken by the respected Nipo Institute, said Lubbers' party would maintain its 54 seats in the 150-seat Parliament to remain the largest party in the house. Another poll taken Tuesday said Lubbers would increase his vote by two seats.

If Lubbers keeps his position as the largest party, he is automatically ensured appointment tomorrow as government-broker to form a coalition in a process that can take months.

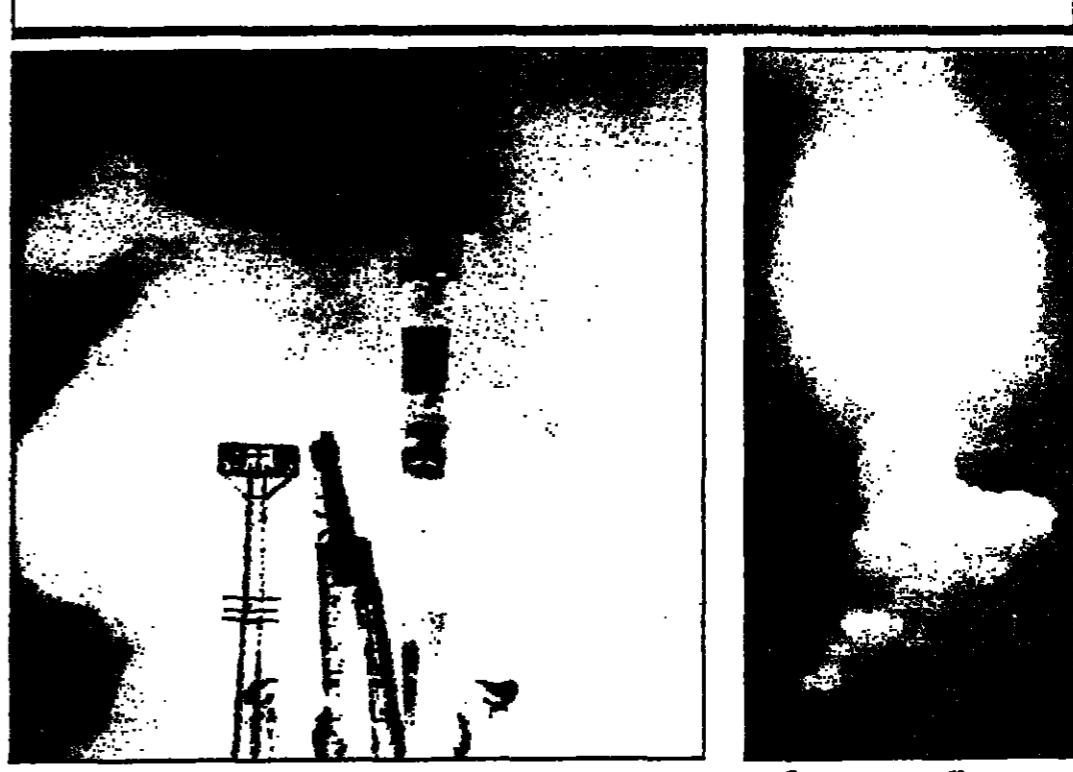
All pre-election polls have said the main

losers of the election were to be Lubbers' hitherto coalition partner, the Liberals who were expected to drop five of their 22 seats.

Even given this loss the existing two-party coalition would still have a reduced majority of one.

Elections were called ahead of schedule after Lubbers' centre-right government collapsed on May 2 in a dispute over an ambitious plan to clean up the country's polluted air, soil and waterways by 2010. A general election had been set for next May.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Up above the sky

Two cosmonauts orbited the earth yesterday and prepared to climb aboard the Mir space station after technical delays and tight finances forced a four-month break in the Soviet Union's manned space programme.

Mission commander Alexander Viktorenko and cosmonaut Alexander Serebrov rode a rocket trailing orange flame into a star-filled night sky early yesterday. Their Soyuz TM-8 capsule is scheduled to dock with the Mir station on Friday.

Viktorenko and Serebrov have a busy schedule of construction and science experiments laid out for them during their six-month mission aboard the now vacant orbital station Mir.

To help the space programme pay more of its own way, the Soviets have also started commercial advertising on the flight.

One of the three stages of the 49-metre (160-foot) tall booster was painted bright orange and displayed a huge advertisement for Generali, an Italian insurance company. (Reuters wirephoto)



Space sunflower

A Japanese-made rocket successfully lifted a meteorological satellite into orbit around the earth yesterday. The government's National Space Development Agency said

Agency officials said the \$264 million satellite, named "Himawari" (Sunflower) No 4, was launched from the Tanegashima space centre off Kagoshima on the southern tip of Kyushu, Japan's southernmost main island, at 4.11 am and put into orbit about half an hour later.

Decision urged: Eric Wiesel, the Nobel peace prize-winning author, who rose to new power under this year's open elections in the Soviet Union, plans an "unofficial" visit to the United States, it was announced yesterday.

Yeltsin will make his first visit to the United States from Saturday to Sept 23, giving lectures on the theme, "Frontiers of Soviet Democracy," in New York, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Dallas and Miami.

Yeltsin also plans to visit AIDS clinics in various cities, starting with the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York. (UPI)

Price regains power: The party led by centrist former Prime Minister George Price, who led Belize to independence from Britain, narrowly defeated incumbent Manuel Esquivel's Conservative Party in general elections, according to results announced early Tuesday.

The results from Sunday's election gave Price's People's United Party 15 seats in the lower house of the bicameral legislature to 13 for Esquivel's United Democratic Party.

Pollution "disastrous": A Soviet biologist warned Tuesday that pollution was causing "irreversible changes" in the Caspian Sea and other large Soviet lakes. V. N. Yakovlev, of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said that since 1960 the volume of Aral Lake in Uzbekistan had fallen by half and salinity had risen sharply, wiping out some kinds of animal life.

Industrial and agricultural pollution was "disastrous," he said. Too much water was being drawn from the tributaries flowing into the lakes, reducing water levels. (AP)

300,000 birds killed: A federal government agency said on Tuesday it estimated that the Alaska oil spill had claimed the lives of more than 300,000 birds.

US Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Bruce Batten said 33,000 dead, oil-soaked seabirds had been picked up by clean-up workers since the spill of crude oil from the crippled Exxon Valdez supertanker in Prince William Sound. (Reuters)

Historian dies: Sir Ronald Syme, an Oxford historian who shook up notions of ancient Rome with his theories on the intrigues of its nobles, has died, the university said Tuesday. He was 86.

The respected historian died Monday at an Oxford Hospital he entered last week, said Dr Martin Francis, secretary of the governing body of Oxford's Wolfson College, where Syme had lived since 1975. (AP)

Five killed as fire sweeps entire village

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 6. (AP): Five people were killed and about 7,000 others were made homeless when fire swept through Kampung Titiangan near Tawau, 1,166 kilometres (910 miles) east of Kuala Lumpur, officials said.

The fire, which broke out at about 6:45 am (1045 GMT) yesterday, razed through the village, engulfing all the wooden homes. Tawau fire department chief Lucius Akang told the national news agency Bernama.

Shah's education department, meanwhile, announced stern disciplinary measures for city universities, including restrictions on students' establishing private associations or journals.

Scores of injured people were being treated at the Tawau government hospital.

28 die as ferry sinks in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Sept 6. (AP): At least 28 people died and nearly 800 were infected in a cholera epidemic sweeping China's northwest frontier region of Xinjiang, an official newspaper reported today.

The China Daily said the epidemic was concentrated in 17 rural counties around Kashgar, a Muslim-dominated town near the border with the Soviet Union along the ancient silk road.

The epidemic was potentially more devastating than some previous outbreaks, which killed hundreds of people, the daily said.

Two strains of virus have been identified, more than in previous years, and a prolonged drought was forcing about 2.2 million people to drink from polluted reservoirs, it quoted a local health official as saying.

"Cholera tends to be more prevalent in the autumn in the south of the region (Xinjiang) where drinking water comes from ... waterlogged dams formed by melting snow from the nearby Tianshan mountains," the newspaper said.

Xinjiang, a vast desert area that is home to about seven million of China's Muslim Uighur minority, has suffered successive epidemics caused by polluted water.

One outbreak of hepatitis killed more than 600 in poor rural counties around Kashgar in 1987 and a cholera epidemic that struck last year was estimated to have killed about 100.

The newspaper said Xinjiang authorities have sent 10 medical teams to the area to fight the lethal disease but gave no indication of when the epidemic would be brought under control.

It did not say how many of the 796 people infected were likely to die.

Medical teams have also arrived in eastern Jiangxi province, where 440 cases of pofo were reported between February and August this year.

'Turkey forces Cyprus into Greek embrace'

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (Reuter): President George Vassiliou of Cyprus said today Turkey was forcing him into military cooperation with Greece by keeping troops on the island and supporting a breakaway Turkish-Cypriot state.

"Turkey always said that they don't want to see Cyprus as part of a military circle around them," Vassiliou told Reuters in an interview at the non-aligned

summit in Belgrade.

"But by keeping their army there, they are obliging us to co-operate with Greece militarily as well," said Vassiliou, the leader of the island's Greek-Cypriot community.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when a Greek-backed coup in the capital, Nicosia, prompted Turkey to invade and occupy the island's north.

Turkish-Cypriots set up a breakaway state in 1983 under the leadership of Rauf Denktash, but Turkey is the only country which recognises it.

"I believe that the strategic interests of Turkey today can be better met by a united, neutral, non-aligned Cyprus ... rather than the kind of state that we have today, where tension is growing," Vassiliou said.

He said he would never recognise the Turkish-Cypriot state and criticised Denktash for suspending United Nations-sponsored talks on reunifying the island as a federation with powers devolved to both the Greek and the Turkish communities.

Diplomats said the 102-member Non-aligned Movement had approved a declaration on Cyprus, to be issued on Thursday.

Azeris' strike hits the pocket

MOSCOW, Sept 6. (Reuter): A general strike in Soviet Azerbaijan is causing colossal losses and threatening chaos, the republic's Communist Party chief was quoted today as saying.

In an interview with the Azerbaijan news agency Azerinform, Abdul Vezirov accused hooligan elements of using threats to stop people from working.

"The republic is suffering colossal material and moral losses. Economic links with many other regions of the country are being broken," he said. "Breaking these links could throw the republic into chaos."

The week-long strike, now in its third day, was called by the Popular Front mass movement to press its demands for greater autonomy. A spokesman said today that virtually every enterprise in the republic had been hit by the stoppage.

"A mass movement will be held in Lenin Square this evening to give people precise information on how the strike is going," Nazim Ragimov told Reuters by telephone from Baku.

He said public transport, which ran a reduced service on Monday and yesterday, resumed normal schedules today. But otherwise only foodshops and essential services were working.

In Vezirov's interview, the text of which was distributed by the Soviet Foreign Ministry, he said he was ready to negotiate with all informal organisations, including the Popular Front, but would not tolerate ultimatums and coercion.

"Surely unjustifiable, illegal acts are not the free expression of the people's will. When hooligans cause disorders, threaten people trying to earn an honest day's living, or insult people, is that free expression?"

The decision to down tools was taken at a meeting of about 100,000 people in central Baku on Saturday. The crowds waved the blue, red and green flag of Azerbaijan's 1918-20 independence period and chanted "strike, strike."

But a Reuter correspondent in Baku on Monday saw a limited response to the strike call. While some factories were idle, others were clearly still working and several shops were open. The city port, however, prepared to have shut down.

The weekly Moscow News said today that about 100 enterprises in Baku had been shut down by the strike, which had also hit the towns of Yevlakh and Akstaf as well as the southern region of Nakhichevan.

The central Soviet press has largely ignored the strike, but a brief report on the official news agency Tass last night said oil refineries were having trouble transporting products and workers.

The Popular Front said earlier that workers on oil rigs were excluded from the strike call, because wells could not be safely shut down.

Jews might have to wait

WASHINGTON, Sept 6. (AP): The US government, nearing a decision on how to deal with a rising influx of Soviet Jews, is considering a six-month waiting period for those without close relatives in the United States, an official said yesterday.

Also being considered is the possibility of processing refugees in Moscow, with dozens of additional US workers handling the load, and the phasing out of offices in Vienna through which many of the refugees now pass, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He stressed, however, that no decision had been taken, although one may be imminent.

A backlog of 35,000 Soviet Jews seeking entry to the United States poses economic and philosophic problems. Having successfully encouraged Moscow to lower its emigration barriers, the United States would find it awkward to restrict admissions.

"We are not prepared to announce any policy decisions at this time," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret.



Lech Walesa is surrounded by supporters wearing traditional Polish costumes at the beginning of a service given for him in Essen, West Germany. (Reuter wirephoto)

Poles still horse-trading 'Reform unavoidable'

Help us: Walesa

WARSAW, Poland, Sept 6. (AP): Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki tried to complete the delicate task of forging a coalition government of opposition and communists today, a day before he was scheduled to present his nominees to Parliament.

Sources say Mazowiecki, the East Bloc's first non-communist prime minister, would propose that Solidarity hold the largest number of ministerial portfolios, followed by the communists, the United Peasant Party and the Democratic Party.

But Democratic spokesmen said today they were not satisfied with their allotment of seats. The Democrats and Peasants, formerly aligned with the communists, joined with Solidarity last month to give it a parliamentary majority.

Disagreement also apparently remained over the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Transport and Communications, both of which the Communist Party is seeking.

An official spokesman, Krzysztof Bakalarski, said today that work on the government continued, and it was not certain if nominees' names would be made public later today or tomorrow.

Solidarity parliamentary leader Bronislaw Geremek said the list for various posts would be finalised today and presented tomorrow evening to Sejm speaker Mikolaj Kozakiewicz of the Peasant Party.

In an interview with the state news agency Pap, Kozakiewicz said the Sejm would meet Sept 12

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Sept 6. (Reuter): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said today reform was the only path open to Poland and West Germany could help bring it about.

"We discussed the situation in Poland and I said that we must reform. We have no choice," Walesa told a news conference after meeting West German industrialists. "In this reform West Germany can play a large role as our nearest neighbour."

But the industry leaders warned Walesa on his first visit to West Germany, not to have unrealistic expectations for the pace at which reforms could be implemented.

"It's an illusion to hope you can achieve this in a short time," said Otto Wolff Von Amerongen, chairman of a group of industrialists known as the eastern committee.

Amerongen said West German companies were willing to help Poland as it moves from communism to a market-based economy but political reform had to be coupled with economic changes.

Walesa, addressing a committee of the West German Trade Union Federation earlier today, said Poland's major problem was its \$39 billion foreign debt — up to 25 per cent of which is owed to West Germany.

"If we have to pay high interest it would make it impossible to carry out the reforms to improve our living standards," Walesa, on the second day of his four-day visit, said.

"There is so much to be done in Poland and we don't know where to begin the reconstruction. Reforms are our number one priority but they are costly," he said.

Walesa last week called on Western Europe and the United States to invest \$10 billion in Poland to help the new government under Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki rebuild the economy after 45 years of communist rule.

and the key point of the session would be Mazowiecki's presentation of his government programme and the vote on the proposed cabinet.

Kozakiewicz said three days of parliamentary hearings on proposed candidates would begin Friday.

There are 16 government min-

istries to be filled, but the number could change if Mazowiecki decides to combine some of the departments or split others.

"We know that it is not going to be government of our dreams, but a result of many concessions," said a commentary today in the pro-Solidarity Gazeta Wyborcza newspaper.

Searchers found four empty life rafts, but they were detected automatically, and no one had the time to go into them," said Berlin.

There was no immediate official explanation for the collision.

By this morning, the search was scaled down to "virtually nothing," Berlin said. The operation had involved three navy helicopters, four naval vessels and 14 other Soviet trawlers.

Berlin said it was the worst shipping accident in the Baltic Sea in recent memory.

"I've worked here for 30 years and I can't recall a more serious accident," he said.

The 6,000-ton tanker "Tebu Star" struck the 25-metre (25-yard trawler "Ladushkin" today 28 nautical miles southwest of the Swedish island of Gotland. Berlin said.

The Soviet trawler sank within minutes, he said.

According to rescue workers, the Finnish tanker veered to avoid a collision with another Soviet trawler when it hit the "Ladushkin."

Bush to name Woolsey as US arms negotiator

WASHINGTON, Sept 6. (AP): President George Bush will name James Woolsey Jr., a Conservative Democrat and weapons specialist, as the new US negotiator in 23-nation talks to reduce non-nuclear forces in Europe, an official says.

Security checks have begun on Woolsey, a lawyer chosen over two other candidates, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The other candidates were Stephen Ledogar, a career diplomat who now holds

the job, and Philip Karber, vice president of the BDM Corp., the official said yesterday.

The negotiations resume tomorrow in Vienna, Austria, between the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the seven-nation Warsaw Pact. Ledogar, who was appointed by then-president Ronald Reagan in 1987 to help arrange the talks, will remain in the post for the time being.

Another official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said last evening that Nato would press hard in Vienna for a treaty providing for the stationing of monitors in the two alliance areas across Europe.

The Washington Post newspaper reported today editions that the proposal would mean inspection of virtually every military installation from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural Mountains, which divide the European and Asian parts of the Soviet Union.

The official also said Nato was considering

a proposal for the expansion of the existing East-West requirements that each side notify the other of certain military manoeuvres.

Najib, Nusrat trade charges

Heated debate on Afghanistan

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (Agencies): Afghanistan and Pakistan traded angry charges at the non-aligned summit today, accusing each other of supporting and carrying out attacks across their common border.

Afghan President Najibullah said Pakistan soon would be completely isolated in its alleged support of armed aggression against his country.

"In order to achieve their politico-expansionist objectives, Pakistan, and the United States have escalated the war against the republic of Afghanistan from Pakistani territory through financing, equipping and arming the extremist opposition forces and through recruiting and sending of mercenaries and the direct participation of the Pakistani Army," he said in a speech.

Austrian Red Cross officials said 30 East Germans made the risky overnight dash across the Hungarian-Austrian border, where Hungary began dismantling fortifications in May but still maintains barbed wire and other barriers along some stretches.

The number of escapees was sharply up on recent days, when increased Hungarian border patrols and the prospect of an imminent mass caravan to West Germany apparently deterred East Germans from fleeing illegally to Austria.

In Budapest, two East German diplomats sought to convince defiant countrymen to return home, setting up camp outside a tent community sheltering some 5,500 would-be emigres to the West.

First Secretary Dieter Graumann of the East German embassy told reporters crowding their trailer that any of the East German refugees were free "to discuss the situation" with him or Second Secretary Wolfgang Forster.

East Germany stepped up efforts yesterday to convince the refugees to return home, with Graumann handing out leaflets at the Zugliget tent camp promising no penalties for those who give up their quest to go West.

He retreated after being mobbed by a hostile crowd, and Zugliget residents also showed little interest today in visiting his trailer on the other side of the street about five metres (yards) apart.

Small groups gathered near the brown and white trailer shortly after it was towed into place at 9:45 am (0745 GMT). But none approached the door in the first hour, and several of those waiting to leave for West Germany were openly derisive of their hardline communist country's attempt to win them back.

"They must really be stupid to come here," said a heavy-set East German, who was among the first to set up residence at the Zugliget camp when it opened in mid-August. "But I guess they have no choice, either victory or Siberia for them."

Several others told a reporter that they were resigned to long stays in Hungary, after Hungarian officials deflated hopes that their departure for freedom was imminent.

"They're going to let us out anyway, there's no reason for desperation," said another of the refugees. "I've waited to leave for the West for seven years at home, another few months won't matter."

With legal travel difficult to the West but relatively easy to Hungary, a liberal Soviet bloc country, East Germans began fleeing from this country to Austria in droves after Hungary removed some concertina wire barriers and observation posts from its 200-kilometre (120 mile) westernmost border.

Hungary has defied a bilateral agreement with allied East Germany and refused to send back those East Germans who are trying to flee their homeland. West German politicians said last week the Hungarian leadership had also promised to let the would-be emigres go to West Germany, which grants them automatic citizenship and generous social benefits.

Expectations that the mass exodus westward would begin soon were fuelled late last week by statements from West German officials and feverish preparations in Bavaria, where five tent cities were raised to house the East Germans.

They were among the first of a growing number of foreigners ushered onto the island, which only this year was opened to outsiders.

Kunashiri, along with neighbouring Shikotan, Habomai and Etorofu, are at the centre of a territorial dispute which stands in the way of a Soviet peace treaty with Japan formally ending World War Two.

Tokyo says they were illegally seized by the Soviet Union in the closing days of the war after Japan's defeat in 1945 and demands their return in exchange for a treaty.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official versed in Soviet affairs said that allowing the visit was a message to Tokyo to give up any hope of regaining the islands, known to Japan as the Northern Territories and to the Soviet Union as the Kuriles.

"For them to bring people onto the island and show it off as Soviet territory is a slap in the face," he said.

They also get about 40 days of holiday a year, which many take on the sunny resort shores of the Black Sea or in Vietnam, said a local Communist Party

Heated debate on Afghanistan

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (Agencies): Afghanistan and Pakistan traded angry charges at the non-aligned summit today, accusing each other of supporting and carrying out attacks across their common border.

Afghan President Najibullah said Pakistan soon would be completely isolated in its alleged support of armed aggression against his country.

"In order to achieve their politico-expansionist objectives, Pakistan, and the United States have escalated the war against the republic of Afghanistan from Pakistani territory through financing, equipping and arming the extremist opposition forces and through recruiting and sending of mercenaries and the direct participation of the Pakistani Army," he said in a speech.

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, mother of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, said in her address to the 102-nation assembly that "Kabul's allegations are designed to disguise its total rejection by the Afghan people. None of these allegations have been substantiated."

She charged that the Soviet Union was seeking, through military support, to keep "an unacceptable regime" in power in Afghanistan.

"But the Afghan people are united in rejecting a regime that collaborated with a foreign invader," she declared.

The excesses of the Kabul regime against its own people are of such a magnitude that no responsible segment of the Afghan political spectrum is prepared to enter into political discussions, let alone a coalition with the Afghan regime."

She said the Kabul government "has forfeited its right to be associated with the political future of the country."

Meeting today with reporters covering the summit, Najib reiterated an earlier pledge to sit down with opposition forces to negotiate an end to the decade-old civil war.

He also repeated comments from his speech, saying the negotiations should lead to a nation-wide peace conference. That, in turn, should lead to setting up a leadership council representing "all political forces."

It should also declare a six-month ceasefire "during which a broad-based coalition government will be set up by the leadership council," Najib said in his address.

Under its guidance, a commission should be established to draft a new constitution and election laws for National Assembly balloting, he said.

Following United Nations-supervised "free, direct, equal and general elections based on secret ballots," a new government should be formed "by a political party or a coalition,"

Najib said.

His proposals were rejected outright by the Pakistani delegation leader, who said they were "a desperate attempt to use this (Non-aligned) Movement as a political barricade against the political will of the Afghan people."

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Feuding Afghan rebels 'failing'

PESHAWAR, Pakistan; Sept 6. (AP): The United States and Pakistan still contend the rebel government-in-exile is the only alternative to communist rule in Afghanistan. But six months after its formation, the rebel cabinet is feuding openly and has yet to move into Afghanistan.

The rebel groups, the most powerful of which are based in the Pakistani frontier city of Peshawar, predicted the Afghan communists wouldn't last more than a few weeks after Soviet combat forces withdrew from the country last Feb 15.

But the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, which continues to receive massive Soviet aid, has held its ground.

The communists so far have succeeded in defending Kabul, the capital, and other key Afghan cities. The insurgents called mujahideen, still control much of the countryside.

But to the dismay of their sponsors, the rebel groups have been unable to take any cities and some of them have begun fighting among themselves.

The rebel Afghan interim government was formed last Feb 24 in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, by an alliance of seven mujahideen groups based in the country, which also has become home for some three million Afghan refugees.

The government — formed on the assumption the communists would be defeated quickly — was meant as a transitional administration to oversee the establishment of an Islamic republic of Afghanistan.

The rebel government pledged to move inside Afghanistan and hold elections for a "shura," or parliament, within six months in "liberated areas" and in refugee camps in Pakistan. The shura was to draft an Islamic constitution and vote on whether to keep or replace the interim government.

None of that has happened.

In March, the rebel force fought to the "suburbs" of Jalalabad, Afghanistan's third largest city, located 42 miles (70 kilometers) from the Pakistani border. But their offensive stalled under withering artillery and aerial bombardment.

Then in July, the traditional enmity between two of the most powerful rebels groups erupted into a bloody skirmish in northern Afghanistan.

Rebels of the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami group allegedly ambushed and killed 32 commanders of the more liberal Jamiat-i-Islami Party. There are unconfirmed reports of hundreds more dead in subsequent clashes between the two groups.

"The recently reported interne fighting is discouraging, since resistance unity and cooperation is of paramount importance," said Peter Thompson, the US special envoy to the rebel government.

Naini Majrooh, an Afghan intellectual living in Peshawar, said the tension doesn't appear to be based on ideology.

"It's a moral struggle among the ranks, a physical struggle among the parties and an ego struggle among the (mujahideen) leaders," Majrooh said.

Most observers believe the rival groups within the rebel government are united only in their hatred of the Kabul government.

Fundamentalist parties want to replace the communists with a strict Islamic republic, modelled after Iran's. Other groups favour a more liberal government.

Some want to fight for a total military victory, while others are prepared to begin peace talks with the government. Several parties are based primarily on personal loyalties.

Another problem facing the rebel government is that it doesn't include an alliance of eight other mujahideen groups based in Iran and called the Council of Islamic Coalition of Afghanistan.

The Iran-based coalition is made up mostly of Shiite Muslims, while the Pakistani-based rebels are mainly Sunnis.

Shiites were estimated to make up about 17 per cent of Afghanistan's pre-war population of 15 million people. The Pakistan-based rebels claim the Shiites have demanded a disproportionately large representation in the interim government.

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Afghan supply convoy battles rebels on road

ISLAMABAD, Sept 6. (Reuters): A big Afghan government supply convoy is battling Western-backed rebels on the road from northern Afghanistan to Kandahar, rebel sources said today.

The first units have reached Maiwand, some 50 km (30 miles) short of the southern city. The remainder are strung out between there and Delaram,

200 km (125 miles) to the west, they said.

The sources, in neighbouring Pakistan, originally said the first units had reached Kandahar but then said later reports made clear the convoy was still some distance from the city.

Heavy fighting was continuing. The sources, in neighbouring Pakis-

tan, said the supply train was sent from Torkhundi on the Soviet border after mujahideen rebels tightened their noose around Kandahar airport, making flights more hazardous.

Rebels from several parties ambushed the convoy all the way through Farah and Helmand provinces with rockets and mines. The rebel sources

said about a tenth of the vehicles were destroyed but the rest seemed likely to get through.

There was no independent confirmation of the rebel claims.

The rebels said at least 40 mujahideen were killed and 65 wounded in the fighting. They put casualties among Soviet-backed President Najibullah's

men higher.

"A lot of troops were killed, it was a very big operation," one source said.

Government planes supplied air cover from Shindand airbase in Farah, but were hampered by a big rebel attack on the base last week, the sources said.

A spokesman for the Jamiat-i-Islami Party said earlier that more than 500

rebels took part in the attack, damaging the runway and buildings and inflicting heavy casualties.

Kandahar, like several other government-held cities far from Kabul, has had only tenuous road links with the Afghan capital since the last Soviet troops left Afghanistan in February.

US backs Mubarak on Palestinian polls

Israel will try to keep Arafat out of UN

WASHINGTON, Sept 6. (Agencies): President George Bush's administration, trying to break a diplomatic impasse in the Middle East, wants to build Arab and Israeli support for a proposal from Egyptian President Mubarak for holding Palestinian elections, US officials say.

Among the 10-point proposal's key elements are provisions for voting by Palestinian residents of Jerusalem and for the temporary withdrawal of Israeli troops from voting areas throughout the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"This is a start," an official said yesterday. "It's the kind of thing we

need."

But he and other US officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was not clear if Mubarak's ideas were acceptable to Israel or to the PLO.

A plan pushed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has the administration's endorsement. The PLO, which has the power to block its implementation, is cool to a key provision: Temporary self-rule but not statehood for the 1.4 million Palestinian Arabs who live on the West Bank and in Gaza.

Israel captured the territories from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war. The PLO wants creation of an independent state — a move opposed by both Israel and the United States.

Shamir's idea is to have elected Palestinians negotiate with Israel a temporary arrangement for self-rule in the territories. That limited self-rule would be followed by talks on an overall Middle East settlement involving also Jordan and Egypt.

Among Mubarak's suggestions, officials said, were the temporary withdrawal of Israeli troops from polling areas and participation in the balloting by Arabs who live in East Jerusalem.

Leaders of the Palestinian revolt in the occupied territories who have been deported also would have a role to play by conveying their negotiating ideas to Palestinian residents.

Israel, which has pledged never to relinquish control of Jerusalem, its capital, is opposed to allowing Arabs living in the city to vote in the elections. It is one of the main sticking points in Shamir's plan to launch negotiations.

Mubarak's idea, the official said, is to have the Palestinians vote outside Jerusalem and then return to their homes.

The PLO has denounced Shamir's election plan as a ploy to ward off establishment of a Palestinian state.

In light of these and other differences, Mubarak's proposal was warmly received by the Bush administration.

"Mubarak's approach is a way of getting the election proposal to take a few steps forward," an official said. "He has offered himself as a mediator, to bridge the gap."

Shamir's office said yesterday that Israel would try to prevent Arafat obtaining a US visa to address the United Nations this month, Israel television reported.

It quoted Shamir aides as saying Israel was opposed to any American "appeasement" of the PLO or its leader.

The parliament has set up a subcommittee to examine the role of the military censor following leaks to the foreign press on sensitive security issues, legislators said today.

The panel, established by the parliament's defence and foreign affairs committee, will examine the relationship between the military censor and both local and foreign journalists, said subcommittee chairman Yossi Sarid.

The United States is turning to Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a bid to end the deadlock on Israel's plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories, Western diplomats and Israeli analysts said.

Rabin's office said the Israeli government has sent the PLO through Arab mediators "some ideas which we have not had time yet to study thoroughly."

Meanwhile, the PLO in a statement published today condemned the alleged killing of 15 "spies" by a radical Palestinian group.

The statement, issued in the southern Lebanese port city of Tyre, the PLO attacked the Fatal Revolutionary Council for its reported killings.

The FRC, led by Abu Nidal, said on Monday it had killed 15 "spies" (who) worked for Western and Arab intelligence networks.

"We remind those (in the FRC)... that the unified command of the (Palestinian) uprising has decided to stop the liquidation of spies without previous warning and a consensus decision," said the statement.

Moving on

The 50,000-tonne US aircraft carrier USS America transits the Suez Canal, led by a helicopter, on its way to the Mediterranean Sea Tuesday. The carrier had sailed from Singapore last month when US warships in the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean were put on alert during the hostage crisis in Lebanon.

The United States has pulled the aircraft carrier and its battle group out of the Arabian Sea near Iran.

The battleship was moving through the Suez Canal with

three members of its battle group — a cruiser, a destroyer and a support ship — to relieve the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea in the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

The remaining three ships in the America's battle group will move through the Suez Canal Wednesday, the Navy said. The Coral Sea is returning to the United States to prepare for decommissioning.

A Navy official said no battle group is replacing the America in the northern Arabian Sea (Reuters wirephoto)

Arms may be used in uprising

Israel helps drug barons'

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (Agencies): PLO chairman Yasser Arafat today accused Israel of supporting the international narcotics trade by training private armies for Colombian drug barons.

Arafat, attending the non-aligned summit here, warned Third World countries to "keep a careful eye on the role played by Israel" in international drug-smuggling.

Answering reporters' questions about the alleged involvement of Israeli mercenaries in Colombia, he said "their activities unmasked the face of the Israeli government and its secret service, which aids the proliferation of drugs in the world."

He added: "We are not asking for the moon, only a human solution. We know the United States gives Israel unlimited support and will not change overnight, but the world is changing."

He said the non-aligned summit had agreed to support the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations and as part of a comprehensive Middle East settlement and after the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces."

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Nations. This is not on my agenda now, but it is under discussion," he said.

Concern is mounting in Israel that Washington, which started a dialogue with Arafat for the first time last December, would give the PLO leader a visa. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that he would try to prevent it.

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Israeli attorney Yoram Sheftel said the US Justice Department was investigating how documents he said undermined the testimony of two witnesses had been found in refuge. He said the US study would take several months.

Sheftel said the documents appear to contradict evidence given at Demjanjuk's trial by two of the six Jewish holocaust survivors who identified him as the sadistic prison guard known as "Ivan the Terrible."

In two separate motions, Sheftel asked the court to delay for six months the appeal

hearing set for November 1 and to examine the new evidence.

"As far as the additional evidence, I don't see how the court could reject the motion," Sheftel told Reuters. "As far as the postponement, I just don't know."

The appeal was postponed late last year after Demjanjuk's second Israeli attorney, Dov Eitan, committed suicide. It was further delayed after an elderly Jewish holocaust survivor threw acid at Sheftel during Eitan's funeral.

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Crimes by minors on the increase

Parents requested to pay attention

MINORS committed 432 crimes and 1,831 misdemeanours during 1988, a release issued by the public relations department in the Ministry of Interior said yesterday. It added that 759 minors were accused of these crimes. These included

368 Kuwaitis and the rest from other nationalities. It said that 2,220 minors were also accused of misdemeanours. These included 1,253 Kuwaitis.

The department said that the minors committed many types of crimes and mis-

demeanours which ranged from thefts, dishonesty, destruction of other property, and attacking other persons. The crimes also included traffic, legal and residence violations and infiltration into Kuwait. The crimes also included drugs, liquor,

arms, impersonating securitymen and others. The public relations department appealed to parents to pay greater attention to their children, adding that the negligence in following children resulted in making them a threat against society.

Municipal personnel follow up decisions

KUWAIT Municipality personnel continue following up and executing decisions taken by the Municipal Affairs Committee on different issues including the allocation of special parking lot for visitors of the Diplomatic Area west of Mishref.

The municipality has meanwhile despatched a copy of its decisions regarding the Fish, Meat and Vegetable Market located in Commercial Area Four in downtown Kuwait to the Department of Government Domains for information and necessary action. It has also despatched to the Public Works Ministry the Ministry of Interior's letter requesting the allocation of two sites as main KPTC bus terminals inside Kuwait City.

Allocations

In response to a letter by the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources regarding support for the poultry-raising sector through the allocation of marketing channels at the Central Vegetables and Retail Markets, the municipality has already allocated 18 stalls at the new retail market in Shuwaikh. These have been allocated to nine local companies who have yet to commence operations.

Meanwhile, relevant municipal authorities are currently considering relocating the site designated for selling eggs inside the central Fruit and Vegetables Market in Shuwaikh opposite Barrack No. 1 at the rear side.

Ports meeting

RIYADH, Sept 6: (Kuna): The 7th meeting of the Permanent Committee of Ports Authorities Officials in the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council will start in Riyadh next Monday, the secretary-general of the council reported here yesterday.

During the two-day meeting, the council will discuss the secretary-general's report on the recommendations which were adopted by the 6th meeting of the ports authorities officials.



Ladies together at their private restaurant.

Exclusively for women

Coffee, croissant and a good time

A WOMAN'S private restaurant — A dream or reality? Till recently, it remained only a dream which has now been translated into action by the establishment of a restaurant where ladies of society, working women and college and school students congregate to get away from the usual "hum-drum" of place.

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Opportunity

Ahiam Al Qabandi, one of the women restaurant patrons said that women, like men should also have the opportunity to gather exclusively with their women friends and exchange small talk at such exclusive restaurants. The new restaurant falls within Kuwaiti traditions, she said.

Sahar Abdul Razzaq, a college student said that she welcomes the idea of a private women's res-

taurant because it gives all women more freedom in frankly discussing their problems and spending more leisure time with their friends. She said that the restaurant is still unknown to many women due to its isolated location and wished it were located at a place where more women could meet.

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Committee to study stationery requirements

Second university by the year 2000: Sabah

Commerce college developing curriculum

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY Vice-Rector for Social Service and Information Dr Rasha Al Sabah has said that the proposed establishment of a private or government university will take place by the year 2000.

She told a local daily that a number of committees would be formed for selecting deans for existing vacancies at certain faculties, adding that the new academic year would start on September 23.

She said that studies were currently in progress to establish another university in Kuwait, which would not take place before the end of this century, as his administration had netted KD16.5 million in tax revenues this year, up from 13.5 million dinars, the previous year.

Subaihi added in an interview with Kuna that the sum exceeded projections of the taxation department by 11 percent.

The official pointed out that the department had held in fiscal 1988/89 eight rounds of talks to reach agreement on avoiding double taxation with India, Malaysia, Belgium, Finland, China, Canada, Austria and Turkey. He indicated that the department has initiated double taxation agreements with Turkey, Malaysia, Belgium and Finland.

Subaihi pointed out that a double taxation agreement with West Germany has already come into effect and should be of great benefit to government organisations, private companies and individuals.

The official emphasised that his department is ready to give Kuwaiti business organisations and individuals certificates that they qualify for tax exemption under the agreement with Germany.

Meanwhile, Subaihi called on government agencies and individuals who do business with foreign companies to provide the taxation department with information about their business partners.

Under ministry regulations of the year 1985, he said, Kuwaiti business organisations should retain at least five per cent of contract value until the department certifies payment to foreign partners.

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She added that the centre also offered professional training services to promote the performance level, competence and productivity of workers at private and government institutions, with specific interest in supporting the curative relation between university studies and actual problems of social and localised nature.

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Omar said that special enlightening symposia would be held this year for teachers to introduce them to the college code of practice, while the college administration continued to encourage members of the teaching staff to join in the various scientific activities, such as conference, symposia or seminars.

He said that the college was constantly developing its curricular programme, taking into account the variables at local and international levels whereby to be prepared for all potential changes and requirements.

Omar pointed out that the sites of the colleges were being expanded through the construction of further facilities.

Meanwhile, the acting dean at

Kuwait Relief Committee meets

THE Kuwait Joint Relief Committee held its 19th meeting at the conference room of the Islamic International Charity Organisation under the chairmanship of Yousef Al Hajji.

Discussions at the meeting dealt with reports on the work progress in the Sudan, Bangladesh and Yemen, the funds transferred to these countries for relief work progress there, mosques, schools, clinics and other construction projects, as well as the water wells bored.

The discussions also dealt with the difficult situa-

Shared accommodation a common phenomenon

THE concept of shared-accommodation among expatriate workers in Bahrain has been in existence since the early days of Bahrain's economic development and modernisation era in the early thirties. In the fifties and sixties in view of the small overseas workforce here shared-accommodation was not as common as it is today.

During those decades the cost of living in general was considerably lower than at present and the income of most expatriates was adequate to enable them to afford accommodation with their families without the need to resort to sharing with others. For instance in the early fifties an average expatriate salesman earning about Rs 33 per month (Jordanian currency was used at that time) paid about Rs 10 to rent a flat on a monthly basis.

Changes

However things have changed dramatically since these early years as far as accommodation for expatriates is concerned. The rise in general population, including expatriates, escalating cost of living, recession and lower income compared to the boom years of the seventies have made the eighties a struggling period for most expatriates in this country.

In spite of a tremendous boom in the real estate market with the rise in the number of flats, villas and houses all over the island during the last few years, the bulk of the expatriate population live in shared-accommodation arrangement. This is true not only among the labourers, who make up the majority of overseas workers, but also for middle-income workers employed in a variety of fields, in some cases even professionals occupy this kind of living arrangement.

Economics

This trend of shared accommodation exists basically because of economic factors. Expatriates by and large are here for one fundamental reason, to earn as much as possible and more importantly to save what they can possibly manage.

Labourers and other categories of low income workers live in cheap and old abodes often dilapidated and decodes old in sordid neighbourhoods. It is quite common to see about 10 to 15 of this lot sharing in a flat. On an average four workers occupy one room. The 'means system' operates in this type of accommodation whereby everyone pays about BD8 to 15 per month for lodgings and another BD10 per person for food. The average monthly wage of such workers is about BD50-60.

Incomes

Middle-income workers comprise of usually salesmen, clerks, waiters, cooks, drivers among a host of private sector employees. This group earns between BD80-150 per month and live in two-bedroomed rented flat of BD70-90m whereby at least 4 people share the accommodation. Usually two persons occupy one room. Each person pays about BD20-25 for lodgings in this category.

Nowadays it is becoming increasingly common to see a growing number of professionals sharing accommodation with people of their income bracket and class. Most married professionals share a luxury apartment with another expatriate couple.

Expatriate workers sharing accommodation are single or married. Those who are married may not afford to bring their families to live over here because of costly accommodation.

These days few expatriates receive company accommodation except for highly paid professionals. Employers usually prefer to allocate accommodation to their senior employees. A single person can afford to pay for a flat on his own with this allowance.

It is a common trend today to see accommodation available advertisements in the local press. The concept of shared-accommodation among expatriates in Bahrain has become a necessary and acceptable trend in this age of dwindling income and fierce competitive commercial environment, even for foreigners.

Identity cards soon

Bahrain is planning to introduce new-look identity cards for all residents next year. The cards will be issued to Bahrainis and expatriates by the Central Population Registration Department of the Central Registration Directorate.

According to the head of the Central Statistics Organisation, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Aliyahullah Al Khalifa, the new-look cards will contain a photograph of the holder, passport number, details of occupation and employer, nationality and signature.

Initially in the first stage nationals will be issued with the new cards followed by expatriates. About 1,000 cards are expected to be issued per day, said Sheikh Mohammed.

Plans to introduce the CPR cards were approved by the cabinet on Aug. 24.

Legislation to introduce CPR cards for all residents on the island was passed a couple of years ago, whereby it was made mandatory for every resident to possess such a card.

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KUWAIT CHESS FEDERATION

Kuwait Chess Federation would like to announce the opening of the eighth open chess tournament, which will be held on 16.9.1989.

Registration for male and female competitors will take place at K.C.F. premises in Jabriya, between 6 pm and 9 pm from 6.9.1989 to 13.9.1989, daily, (each participant should bring one photo).

After completion of registration, competitors will be required to attend the pairings meeting on 14.9.1989 at the playing hall. Pairing will commence promptly at 7 pm.

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Union calls for committee on poisoned firemen

Adequate compensations demand

THE Union of Labourers at the municipality and General Fire Department has stressed that the union published the issue of the firemen who recovered the body of the boy from the polluted swamp in Sabahiyah area in local newspapers after being disappointed with the results of the meeting between union and the director general of General Fire Department (GFD).

The union was commenting on the reply sent by the GFD published in newspapers about the poisoning of some firemen at the swamp in Sabahiyah area.

The union said that the reply of the GFD did not carry the name of the title of the official who signed it but carried the stamp of the GFD. This shows that the GFD is not interested or concerned about the well-being of its firemen.

UN panel

Tougher embargo against apartheid

GENEVA, Sept 6, (Agencies): Abdelaal Al Hamad, former finance minister of Kuwait and a member of the panel of eminent personalities conducting public hearings on the role of transnational corporations (TNCs) in South Africa and Namibia, today described the hearings as "extremely useful and valuable."

In an interview with Kuna, Hamad said the hearings so far had helped to explain the various points of view and to understand the reality of the situation in South Africa.

"Especially when it comes to apartheid and democracy, and the future of South Africa and its influence in the region as a whole," he pointed out.

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Asia Olympic Council contract

KUWAIT'S Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Jaber has signed a contract for constructing and maintaining of the headquarters, landscaping and fences of the Olympic Council of Asia and the Chairman of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Othman.

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Far East Trade Lines to further restore rates

In their efforts to continue the process of restoring stability to the trade, shipping lines (namely: K Line, Maersk Line, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, NLS, NYK, OOCL, P+OCL, UASC and Willine) have recently decided to enhance rates by USD 100 per TEU covering shipments from Far East/South East Asia to Arabian Gulf ports effective from 1st October 1989.

It is also reported that other lines such as APL, NSCSA, CMA, Sealand and Uniglobe who are also participating in the trade will be implementing a similar rate enhancement from 1st October 1989.

Repeat traffic violators face deportation: Hajji

Licence validity linked to residence

EXPATRIATES who commit three to four major traffic offences will be deported from Kuwait. Director of the General Traffic Department Brig. Abdul Hameed Al Hajji announced yesterday. The official announced that special amendments in the traffic law aimed at stiffening penalties on traffic violators, have already been submitted to the Council of Ministers, which is expected to approve them.

He said that driving licences for private sector employees are now issued to expire with the expiry of their residence while it is still being issued for 10 years for government employees.

He said that the reason for this action is that private companies and establishments may be closed down any time but this cannot occur to government ministries and departments.

He said however that the last meeting of the traffic officials of the GCC agreed to unify driving licences in the six member states.

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Legends

Against the odds

Craze for ice skates on wheels

MINNEAPOLIS. Minnesota. (Reuter) Gliding toward you is an ice hockey player — hair blowing, skates flashing, stick in hand. But it is summertime, and the skater is on wheels.

He is wearing rollerblades, the latest incarnation of rollerskates. First produced in Minnesota, the US ice skating heartland, rollerblades have become a national craze.

The high-tech skates resemble traditional ice skates, except that each "blade" is actually a single row of small, durable polyurethane wheels.

Coming in a blurring range of neon shades, they manoeuvre easily and can attain speeds of up to 40 miles per hour (65 km).

Skaters with their pocket stereos and headphones have become a common sight weaving along pavements and beachfronts from coast to coast.

In California, the birthplace of so many American fads, the unique brand of rollerskates are rivalling skateboards, surfboards and bicycles as a way of getting around in style.

"Rollerblades have captured the imagination of the public. The public can't get enough of it and the company can't make them fast enough," said Lee Cole, a San Francisco store owner who sells the skates.

For some users Rollerblades are a less painful form of exercise than jogging. Others wear them to play a variation of ice hockey where a car park replaces the rink and a tennis ball is batted around instead of a puck.

Brothers Scott and Brennan Olson developed the skate in the late 1970s as a method of off-season training for winter sports professionals.

"Hockey players and skiers found they were a lot of fun," said Mary Horwath, vice-president of public relations for Rollerblades Inc. The private company, based in the Minneapolis suburb of Evan Prairie, dominates the market.

"We really took what we were hearing from the skaters and skiers into the marketplace," she said. "On the West Coast, we focused on fun and fitness."

The fat is not cheap. Prices range from \$90 to \$250 per pair. Nevertheless, sales of the skates have doubled in each of the past two years and Horwath forecast 100,000 pairs would be snapped up this year.

Rollerskates were born in the 18th century in the Netherlands, where, like Minnesota, ice skating is king. The makers of rollerblades have borrowed the original Dutch design, which carried a single row of wooden wheels.

In 1863 American Leonard Plimpton created the modern side-by-side wheel configuration, and the popularity of both indoor and outdoor rollerskating has exploded and surged since.

Rollerblades are just the latest variation.

"It seemed to be a good form of exercise in the summer. I get out on them after work two nights a week and skate up and down one of the parking ramps in town," said Paul Anderson, an enthusiast from Rochester Minnesota.

One problem with rollerblades, especially for beginners, is stopping, which requires a fancy turn or jamming down with a brake pad attached to the back of the skate.

Retailers recommended gloves and pads for the elbows and knees, noting the painful difference between a spill on pavement and a slide on ice.

Granny makes wish a reality

She's a legal eagle

By Marilyn Gardner

CLEARWATER: Four years ago, when Ann Steffens enrolled in law school, she and her husband still had 10 of their 15 children living at home. Nine of them were teen-agers. Although she worried at first about the multiple demands on her time, her husband, Hank, was enthusiastic about her studies and vowed to help make her dual role possible.

"He was thrilled — 'Oh, two incomes at last!'" Mrs Steffens recalls with a laugh. "He said he'd do everything at home, and he did. He got the kids very organized, and he did a really good job."

For her part, the decision to begin a late-blooming career as a lawyer was an exercise in courage. After spending 34 years at home as a wife and mother, Steffens says, "I was so scared to even call Stetson (University College of Law) about taking the LSAT."

But her early fears faded, and the academic challenge proved not only possible but rewarding.

Then, at the beginning of Steffens' last semester, her husband became critically ill. Relatives and friends rallied to help the family. Even classmates were "absolutely marvelous," she says.

Three days after Steffens received her law degree in May 1988 her husband died. But later that summer she took the Florida Bar exam. In November she joined the firm of George, Schafer & Payant in Clearwater.

Now, sitting in a leather chair in her office, where two family photographs stand unobtrusively on her desk, Steffens, a small, soft-spoken woman, reflects on the decades she spent at home raising the couple's three children and 12 adopted children — three of them biracial Americans and nine from Korea and the Philippines.

"When I was first at home, other mothers were, too," she says. "but as time went on, everybody got jobs."

"There was always a feeling it's not enough to be a wife and mother. But I think the lack of parental supervision at home has been responsible for a lot of what's happening to children. They may rebel against every rule you have, but deep down they do want you to set limits. If you're not home, who knows what's going on?"

Yet Steffens understands the complex factors that propel many young mothers into the work force. She also knows the challenges women can face in returning to work after years at home.

"I've been very fortunate in finding jobs," Steffens says. "But many older women coming out of law school have had a terrible time getting jobs. Older men have problems, too, but not as many."

"When you hire younger women, you hire the fact that they're probably going to be a mother in a few years. There's not as much continuity as with an older woman."

Beyond the advantage of continuity, Steffens finds her years as a mother giving perspective to her legal work. In one case involving a young Filipino who was a victim of battery in the park, the youth's father told Steffens his son was experiencing a lot of prejudice.

"I shared with him that I have Filipino children, too. I felt I could identify with his problems."

Another time the firm represented a teen-ager who was accused of grand theft. Although he was acquitted, Steffens understood what his family was going through.

"My kids have been in situations where they've been victims of circumstances," she says. "And the boy was under tremendous pressure from his peers. If I hadn't been a mother, I would not realize the importance to teen-agers of their peers' opinions."

Today the Steffens house is emptying out, with only three children and one grandchild living at home. Steffens is gradually adjusting to life on her own after 37 years of a "very close" marriage. She is also relishing her new career. "I love being a lawyer," she says.

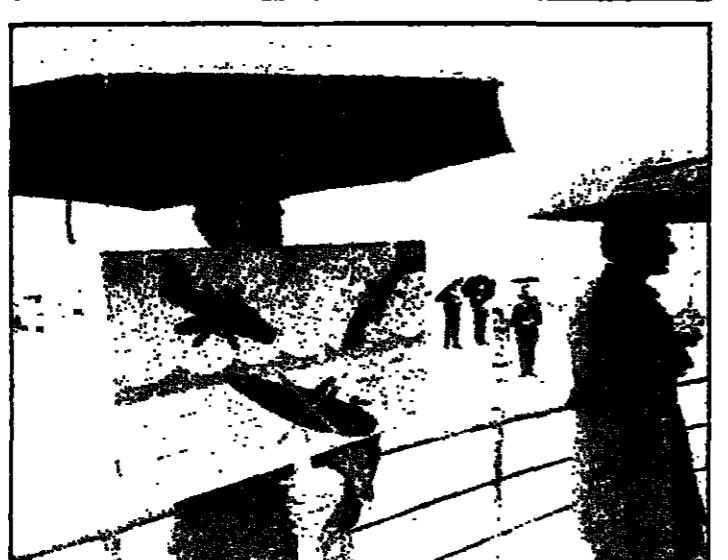
But even a law degree offers no protection from the petty indignities of everyday life. Steffens notes with good-humoured annoyance that visitors to the office sometimes assume she is a secretary.

Another minor grievance occurred when Steffens needed a new car. One salesman asked, "Don't you think you should have your husband with you?"

And always there are the pesky vicissitudes of being a single homeowner — the balky appliances, the leaky faucets, the electrical failures that can try the patience of someone who describes herself as "cerebral" rather than mechanical.

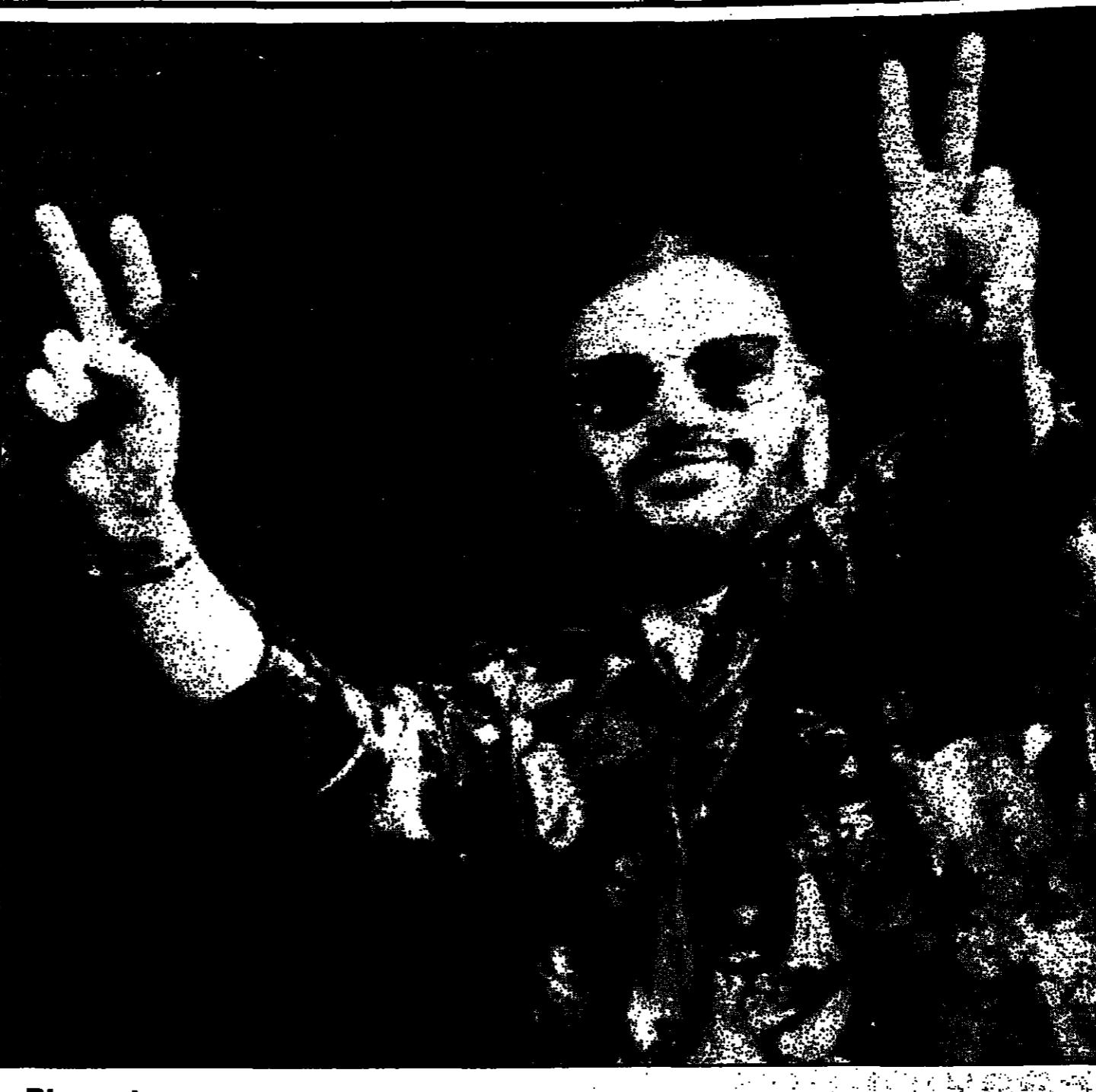
"My husband could do everything," Steffens says with a sigh. "I can't. Things continue to break. Don't they know there's nobody here to fix them?"

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.



Save Baltic Sea

Estonian ecologists protest against Baltic Sea pollution on the beach of Pyaruru. Thousands of Estonians took part in the day of action which was called by the 'Greens.' (Reuter wirephoto)



Ringo stars

Ringo Starr gestures to the audience as the former Beatle completes his first solo tour on Monday at Greek Theatre in Hollywood. (Reuter wirephoto)

Abuse, alcohol, lead to obesity

By Patricia Bond

SEATTLE. (UPI): A child who grows up in an alcoholic home or who has been abused or molested may face a greater risk of becoming an obese adult than other youngsters, a new study indicates.

Dr Robert Kanter of Seattle's Northwest Clinical Nutrition Centre said his research found more than one-third of obese women had an alcoholic parent, compared to 16 per cent in the general population.

Physical abuse was part of the history of about one-quarter of obese females, compared to 16 per cent for the general population, he said.

"Our study is the first to show that a possible outcome for adult children of alcoholics is obesity," Kanter said.

The child learns to avoid emotional pain through addictive behaviours and chooses food as a drug of choice rather than alcohol, or in addition to alcohol, Kanter theorized. "For some who feel good about themselves, make accommodations to take care of themselves. For others, the emotional self-esteem and assertiveness to take care of yourself is lacking. You can't be in top form when you come from a dysfunctional family," Kanter said.

Kanter said he thinks a lower rate of parental alcoholism for obese men — 31 per cent — reflects a perception gap rather than a different rate of susceptibility for women. "Males tolerate more drinking behaviour before they call it alcoholism," he explained.

"In our own studies in rats and mice, or other people's work with non-human primates, no such correlations have ever been found. That's very important," he said. "Biochemical events don't evolve at the human level very suddenly. There should be precursors in lesser developed organisms."

Miczelek said biochemical tests to predict violence are "a possibility, but in the very distant future."

The psychological researcher said such tests pose a "very two-edged type of sword." He said predictions could stigmatize certain individuals, but may also benefit society as a whole.

There is no question serotonin plays a significant role in violent and aggressive behavior, Miczelek said. But he noted many other neurotransmitters and neuroreceptors also influence brain function.

"The question is to find the sequence of biochemical events that takes place to prompt a complex behaviour like a violent act to occur. The sequence will likely be different for different types of violence," he said.

Animal studies indicate genetics, early life experience and hormones may lead to aggressive behaviour, Miczelek said.

The Tufts Researcher said more work must be done to see if biochemical abnormalities actually trigger violent behaviour, or if the imbalance may in fact arise from lifestyle factors like alcohol use and stress.

The NIH team noted most of the 58 criminals studied "behaved well in prison, where alcohol is generally not available, and were released early because of good behaviour."

"When released from prison, however, many of these persons started to drink excessively again, which only led them to commit other serious offenses," they stated.

Limnola said no work has been done to see if there may be a serotonin-impulsiveness continuum, with people at the highest levels showing little impulsivity, those with less being more inclined to act on a whim and those with the lowest amount being prone to violent crimes.

But Kanter said 71 per cent of the binge eaters in his sample group had a history of parental alcoholism or severe abuse.

He emphasized that all overweight people do not have dysfunctional families. But he said it is important to investigate the possibility.

Site where spiritual history of Europe and Asia meet

Archaeologists search again for Homer's heroes of Troy

TURKEY, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Archaeologists believe that the small mound on Turkey's Aegean coast holds the ruins of the city that fell to a 10-year siege recounted in the Greek poet Homer's "Iliad."

In the absence of dramatic Greco-Roman ruins found elsewhere in Turkey, tourists seem happiest climbing into and photographing a large wooden replica of the "Trojan Horse."

Homer said the Greeks hid in the hollow wooden horse to enter and capture the city, all for the sake of the beautiful runaway Queen Helen.

"This is no Roman Disneyland. It's all dull, grey stone," said Professor Manfred Korfmann of West Germany's University

of Tubingen, who is leading the first excavation since 1938.

"But you can feel more than you see. It is unique, a site where the spiritual history of Europe and Asia meet," he said, gesturing to the nearby Dardanelles Strait between the two continents, once known as the Hellespont.

The first seasons in 1988 and 1989 in what may be a 15-year excavation have unearthed no dramatic finds at one of the most hallowed sites in archaeology.

Core drilling in the fertile plain between the mound and the Dardanelles revealed that the sea once lapped the walls of Troy, but well before the Bronze Age Trojan war.

Some 600 buckets of pottery shards have been individually computer-listed. Everystone that is dug out will also have its details entered by two computer specialists.

The 30-person, mainly West German team eventually hopes to have direct satellite links from Troy to computers in Tubingen and the US University of Cincinnati.

An electromagnometer survey of the mound and surrounding area has found the street plan of the Roman-era city, when Troy enjoyed a pilgrimage status similar to occupied Jerusalem today.

"These machines are only just beginning to be used in archaeology. The plan will

save us a great deal of time in future," said Brian Rose, a professor from Cincinnati.

Underneath the Roman layer lie 40 cities, one atop another, the earliest dating back to 2,400 BC. A visitor can jump millennia in a single step.

Experts say Homer's Troy is possibly a level destroyed by fire about 1,200 BC, whose stone houses and finely dressed walls were a fitting backdrop for the epic tale.

Rose said the hope of finding actual proof of Homer's Troy was always strong in archaeologists' minds.

Even if there is no miracle discovery like written Trojan records, archaeologists say

properly excavated layers of stones and broken pottery will help date excavations of other sites in Asia Minor.

Korfmann said modern archaeology was virtually invented at Troy with the 1870 excavation by German businessman-scholar Heinrich Schliemann.

Schliemann found gold treasure, lost in Germany during World War Two, but experts now believe that it predates the era most likely to have encompassed the reign of Homer's Trojan King Priam.

Schliemann's great north-south trench removed much of the mound and did great damage by today's standards. But he did leave two two-metre (yards) wide central

pillars of earth standing for future generations.

Now archaeologists are working on them with painstaking care, scrapping off a metre (yard) each season and recording each tiny piece of pottery on the computer.

"We want our work to be just as accessible in 50 years time as now," Korfmann said.

The technology may be advanced, but Rose said some of the old realities of Near Eastern archaeology had not changed.

"We are washing all the pottery shards at the work station near where we live," he added. "It uses up all the water in the village. There is none left for people to wash themselves."

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Ministers see no quick fix to Opec problems

BELGRADE, Sept 6 (Reuters): Opec ministers have voiced doubts about whether upcoming Opec talks in Geneva can achieve a complete answer to the problem of re-allocating oil output quotas in order to get a firm floor under prices.

"The quota problem is not something you can solve in two minutes like that. It takes a bit longer," said Nigeria's Kifawat Lukman, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

He was speaking late yesterday after informal talks in the margin of the Belgrade non-aligned summit with Opec secretary-general Subroto and the Algerian, Indonesian and Venezuelan oil ministers.

Unexpectedly strong world oil demand had prevented a repeat of last year's glut when average prices tumbled towards \$10 per barrel.

But the Opec average price is down to around \$16.50, compared with the group's target of 18.

Asked if he hoped that better discipline, at the least, would result from the September 23 meeting in Geneva, Lukman answered: "Alright, if you want to put it that way."

"We would be happier if it were back to 18, surely."

Indonesia's Gajah Karatasni said the oil market should not expect too much from the Geneva talks, also indicating that more on quotas would be needed. Opec has further talks scheduled for November.

The five officials who met in Belgrade are known in Opec as "the wise men," a tribute to their past role as mediators in quota disputes, but Lukman was emphatic in denying that they met to plan tactics ahead of the Geneva session.

KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, Sept 6 (KUNA): Short-dated Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates for fixed periods today but rates for fixed periods were steady in the absence of any fresh factors.

Dealers said business centred on day-to-day funds as operators covered positions. Liquidity remained relatively tight, but a new issue of 100 million dinars of government treasury bills yesterday didn't have much effect as a previous issue was rolled over on the same day, they said.

Overnight funds were bid at eight per cent, after trading at the same level. Quotes for tomorrow-next and spot-next eased 1/2 point to 8-1/2, 7-1/2 per cent. The one-week also declined to 8-1/4, 7-3/4 from nine, eight yesterday.

One-month to one-year deposits were indicated unchanged in a flat yield curve of 8-5/8, 3/8 per cent.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate firmer to 0.30100 to the dollar from 0.30115/25 yesterday. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.30115/20.

CURRENT RATES

KUWAIT, Sept 6 (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.30065	0.30100
Sterling	0.46390	0.46718
Dm	0.15165	0.15261
S. fr.	0.17571	0.17690
F. fr.	0.04503	0.04533
Il. lira	0.0002118	0.0002132
Jap. yen	0.0020494	0.0020642
Bh. dinar	0.79705	0.80095
UAE dh	0.08180	0.08218
S. riyal	0.08013	0.08050
Q. riyal	0.08255	0.08285
O. riyal	0.76991	0.78409

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Sept 6 (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-9/16
3 months	8-1/4	8-9/16
6 months	8-5/16	8-5/8
1 year	8-5/16	8-5/8

	Indian rupee	18.130
Sri Lankan rupee	7.990	
Pakistani rupee	14.430	
Bangladesh taka	9.260	
US dollar	30160	
Pound sterling	46900	
Deutsche mark	15245	
UAE dirham	08208	
Japanese yen	002069	

NRIs look to banks as 'wealth creators'

By M.C. Bose
Business editor

agent and investment counsellor services, but for some reason such products do not seem to have attracted many.

Perception

Since this segment has been a captive market for the Indian banks, precious little has been done to innovate or develop new products. A perception of the NRIs is that Indian banks are not imaginative enough to offer a product that would meet with their special banking needs.

What are the various types of products and services now offered by Indian banks for the NRIs?

Broadly they can be classified under five groups. In the first group — liability products — banks offer three products viz. NRE deposits, FCNR deposits and NRO deposits. In addition, the NRI bonds issued by State Bank of India last year falls under this category.

In the second group — general banking services — banks offer facilities such as remittances, standing orders (direct debits), and cheque cashing and foreign exchange. Also included in this group are credit cards and travellers' cheques.

In the third group — fund management products — banks offer portfolio management and investment counselling services.

Fourthly, under specialised services, safe deposit lockers and safe custody service are the major ones. In addition, some banks

offer certain routine advisory services on areas like taxes and direct investment.

Lastly, under lending services banks offer credit facilities mainly against the security of deposit certificates or NRI bonds.

Do you foresee the need for introducing some new products/service taking care of the special banking needs of NRIs?

Certainly, the above are a wide range of products/services and then why is it that NRIs want some new products. To appreciate this point it may be necessary to analyse the major characteristics of the NRI customers as compared to domestic customers.

First, NRI market is a highly segmented market. On the basis of the capability to create wealth annually they can be grouped differently. For example, a good number of NRIs can be termed as "high-net-worth individuals." They have a high saving potential and normally this group is demanding clients. An understanding about the various sub-segments of this market may be necessary while offering some of the products/services.

Conscious

Secondly, they are highly yield conscious. Note that since their stay in the host countries is not permanent (unlike the Indian settlers in US or in Europe) they look forward to maximizing

their wealth before migrating back. In other words NRIs look to banks as "wealth creators." Thirdly, as many of the Gulf Indians are not well versed with the various investment avenues, they look forward to banks as trustees to manage their funds.

They also want their banks to act as agents or representatives in all financial and even in non-financial matters. And lastly, NRI customers look to banks as "wealth preservers" once back in India. They want their banks to help them control, shelter and expand their assets.

These peculiarities thus bring forth a set of special banking needs. The existing products and services offered by Indian banks in the present form are not entirely tailored to meet such banking needs. Further, they want personalised banking service wherein they expect the bank's official to attend all the banking needs at one point instead of going through the routine of getting in touch with the various departments of the banks. Hence there arises the case for developing new products and new delivery system.

What kind of product/service do you have in mind?

Private banking services offered by some of the Western banks may have some relevance in India. "Private Banking" or "Personal Banking" is in great demand both in the US and

Europe. A recent survey revealed that 48 per cent banks in the US are providing private banking. Some of the major banks like J.P. Morgan, Chase Manhattan and Citicorp have been in this business for quite some time. This product is also getting popular in the European countries.

Private banking

The idea of private banking is to provide banking services to its affluent and otherwise important clientele. It involves a few basic activities: deposit service, trust and custody service, portfolio management, investment advice, tax planning, regular payments to dependent relatives, payment of insurance premia, school fees etc. It also offers real estate investment services and credit lines for those thinking of property purchases. The genius of private banking lies in delivering all these services at one-stop.

Personal financial planning is a major feature of private banking. It involves arranging and managing all financial affairs after understanding the personal problems and attitudes of the client and formulating a plan.

What would be the target customer group for this product?

As mentioned earlier the target group of customers for this service is the "high-net-worth individuals" among the NRIs. Note that nearly 5-10 per cent of the NRIs in the Gulf states can be

very well categorised as high-net-worth individuals. On an average their net wealth creation per year is Rs 8.5 million / Rs 1 million.

Given the number of Indians living abroad — nearly 1 million — in the Gulf states, the size of the target group of customers is not in anyway small. This concept of private banking can also be extended to the Indian customers as there is no shortage for wealthy private clients.

What are the attractions for Indian banks in introducing this new product?

One can see certain distinct advantages in selling a product of this nature to NRI clients. First, the profitability of this product will be high given the low average cost of servicing NRI accounts as compared to domestic customers' accounts. Second, this product will help the bank to do cross-selling some of its wide array of services. Third, private banking offers scope for the bank in building up a stable clientele.

Simply because there is a demand for private banking does not mean that customers will be lined up at the door. The development of a sound customer service-oriented relationship is crucial in selling a product of this nature. So, it is important to make sure that bank's relationship with the customer is based on the quality of the customer service, not just the profit potential in each transaction.

US dollar retreats, shares nosedive

LONDON, Sept 6, (Reuters): Stalled by the threat of further central bank intervention, the dollar ended lower in Europe today while shares in London nosedived as Wall Street turned sharply lower.

Dealers said the US currency declined on a combination of profit-taking and on concern that central banks would repeat Tuesday's barrage of dollar sales which took some of the steam out of its recent run on foreign exchange markets.

"If they are trying to push the dollar lower, then this is an ideal time. But if they are just trying to warn us, then they probably won't be in at these levels. And I think they are trying to do the latter," said Ian Spence, a dealer with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co in New York.

The dollar was also being resisted by speculation that West Germany's Central Bundesbank might announce tomorrow at its regular council meeting, held every two weeks, that it would raise interest rates to combat inflation.

Gold firmed to close at \$360.25 an ounce in London, down \$1.50 from Tuesday's finish.

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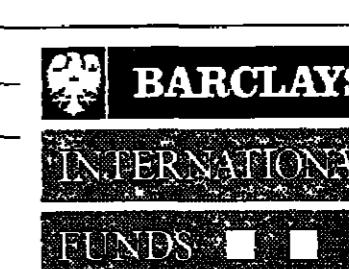
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Bid to help restructure foreign debt

Japan to advance \$1.4b to Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 6. (AP): Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu says his government will advance a portion of a \$2 billion loan it has promised to Mexico to help restructure its foreign debt.

"Recently we have decided to advance \$1.4 billion to complement the Brady plan," Kaifu said at a news conference last night.

The advance, to be made in January, will be used along with money from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund to help pay off a \$107.4 billion foreign debt, second-largest among developing countries after Brazil.

The remainder of the \$2 billion pledged by Japan constitutes fresh funding and will be loaned over the following 2 1/2 years, Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Seiichi Kondo said.

Kaifu said the money is to be used in accordance with the Brady plan, a programme devised by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to refinance

the debts of developing nations through additional lending.

Within the framework of the Brady plan, Mexico reached an agreement in July with foreign commercial banks for reducing \$53 billion of its debt.

Kaifu, who took office last month, arrived Monday from Boston. He leaves today for Canada, where he will meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

At Tuesday's news conference, Kaifu congratulated Mexican President Carlos Salinas Gortari, following talks earlier in the day at the presidential residence Los Pinos. Kaifu said the two heads of state agreed that "both countries have to expand not only economic, but social and cultural ties."

Kaifu announced that Japanese buyers are negotiating a five-year contract with the government-run oil company Petroleos De Mexico, known as Pemex, to buy oil when the current 10-year contract runs out Dec. 31.

"We have to guarantee oil for Japan," Kaifu said.

Under the current contract, a consortium of more than 10 Japanese oil companies, trading houses and banks loaned \$500 million to Pemex, which supplies Japan with 118,000 barrels of oil per day.

The consortium is about to be dissolved.

But oil companies who have been members of the Mexican Petroleum Importing Company may form another group, similar to an importers' organization that buys oil from China, Kondo said.

Kaifu met with Salinas twice and extended an invitation for the president to visit Japan. Salinas accepted but set no date for the trip. The two held discussions Tuesday and Salinas hosted a state dinner for Kaifu last night.

Mexican Commerce and Industrial Development Department Secretary Jaime Serra Puche will visit Japan in

November to finalize trade accords between the two nations, Mexico's ambassador to Japan Mario Moya Palencia said.

Japan has \$1.4 billion worth of investments in 200 companies in Mexico. Another \$300 million worth of investments are expected from Japan this year, Moya Palencia said.

He suggested that the amount owed by any one country to any one bank would be small, and the bank would be glad to get it off the books.

Other possible candidates are Bangladesh and Nepal in Asia, and some southern African nations. Those countries that are up to date on repayment of loans to the World Bank itself and have set up new economic programmes satisfactory to it or the International Monetary Fund are expected to be eligible for the grants.

It is expected that the governments will be able to buy back some of these commercial bank loans for small amounts. Bolivia, which may be a candidate, has bought back some for as little as 10 or 11 cents on the dollar.

"I don't think there'll be much criticism if we can get discounts like that," said World Bank spokesman William Bramigan.

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Also Tuesday, Kaifu laid a wreath at a Mexican monument, met with Mexico City's mayor and toured Mexico's anthropological museum.

Meanwhile, the World Bank plans grants from a new \$100-million package to help some of the world's poorest countries pay off loans to commercial banks, a spokesman said today.

Big debtors like Brazil, Argentina and Mexico would not qualify. Bramigan said the plan has been approved by the board of executive directors, 22 representatives chosen by the 151 governments.

Third World debt strategy not enough, says UN

GENEVA, Sept. 6. (AP): Western efforts to secure cuts in crippling Third World debt are expected to free no more than half the funds needed to spark economic recovery in Latin America and Africa, a UN report said today.

Many parts of the Third World failed to benefit from last year's rapid growth in world output and trade, and face further economic stagnation in the 1990s, the UN Conference on Trade and Development said in its annual report.

Economic growth in Latin America averaged only 0.8 per cent last year and per capita income fell in 12 of the 26 countries surveyed in the region, the report said. It forecast a further drop in the region's growth this year as inflation rises.

Africa's growth stagnated at 2.6 per cent last year despite an international programme to boost recovery, Unctad said.

By contrast, world output grew by an estimated 4.2 per cent in 1988, while the volume of world trade expanded by more than 9 per cent, the report said.

It is increasingly apparent that buoyancy in the world economy alone cannot restore these economies given the weight of their debt overhang," the report said, referring to Africa and Latin America.

It stressed large-scale debt reduction, independent of a country's internal economic policy, was the only way of helping countries break out of economic decline.

"It should not be necessary for a country to put its house in order before it can qualify for debt reduction," said Roger Lawrence, a senior Unctad official.

Tunisia to push for easing of debt woes

Debt servicing will cost Tunis \$1.2b

TUNIS, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche said today Tunisia wants a reduction in its billion-dollar-a-year debt servicing costs and changes in a recovery programme agreed with the World Bank and IMF.

"Such an adjustment, necessary because of the evolution of the economic situation and the drought, is also designed to help us overcome the problems of employment," he told Reuters in an interview.

For the last two years poor rains and a locust plague have devastated Tunisia's important agricultural sector and are blamed for cutting economic growth in 1988 to 1.6 per cent.

Debt servicing will cost Tunisia 1.1 billion dinars (\$1.2 billion) in 1989. The main lenders are the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, France, West Germany, Japan, and the United States.

"We are not asking for rescheduling," added Baccouche, but "we are looking for concrete and specific measures which can ease the burden of this debt."

After 5.8 per cent in 1987, growth in 1989 is forecast at 3.1 per cent.

"The weight of the debt is very important. We are presently net exporters of capital... also we are examining all the possibilities for easing the strain (of the debt) and restructuring it," he added.

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Baccouche said President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali outlined a solution in a letter to the Toronto summit of leading Western industrial nations in June 1988.

Ben Ali appealed for a debt-service ceiling for countries such as Tunisia — classed as a medium-revenue earner — of between 15 and 25 per cent of export revenues and a reduction or elimination of interest rates on public loans.

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Baccouche also called for the

economic adjustment package agreed in 1986 to be "readapted to eliminate the negative effects of unfavourable circumstances and overcome the problems of employment."

The IMF-World Bank programme is directed at liberalising production, investment, internal and external trade, prices and foreign exchange while maintaining a tight control of spending.

According to Baccouche this programme, begun towards the end of the rule of former President Habib Bourguiba, resulted in "a worsening of the employment situation and a slowing down of investment."

"It encourages operators to invest more. Those who are here will invest more," he told Reuters when asked about the effects of an exchange rate reform introduced last month.

European business to get better coverage

Press network launched

BRUSSELS, Sept. 6. (Reuter): French media group Expansion announced the launch today of a European network of 18 specialist financial and economic publications.

Expansion chairman Jean-Louis Servan-Schreiber said it aimed to offer European business better international coverage by pooling the resources of six dailies, eight weeklies and four periodicals in Belgium, Spain, France, Britain, Italy and Switzerland.

"It will consist of a permanent, structured working system which we hope will enable us all to improve the quality of our information," Servan-Schreiber told a news conference in Brussels.

He said the network, to be run by a holding company called Eurexpan SA in which the Expansion Group will have a majority stake, is a response to the integration of the 12 European Economic Community countries in a single market within 10 years.

They have a combined circulation of 550,000 and employ a total of 400 journalists.

Co-operation between the network's publications would involve "regular meetings" of their editors, sharing stories, exchanging correspondents and sharing costs of international correspondents, Servan-Schreiber said.

All member publications will benefit from the services of the Expansion Group in such fields as new publication launches, direct marketing and subscription sales, he said.

The 18 publications involved are Belgium's Echo De La Bourse, in which Eurexpan has taken a 34 per cent holding, and Europe's Spain's Cinco Días, Mercado and Rappor France's la Tribune, Afef, La Vie Francaise, La Lettre De L'Expansion, L'Expansion, L'Entreprise and Haute Finance Italy's MF and Milano Finanza, the Swiss Afef, Bilan and La Lettre Suisse Des Investisseurs, and financial weeklies in Britain.

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reckons the British mineral water market, valued around £230 million (\$354 million) this year, will be worth £1.3 billion (\$2 billion) by the turn of the century.

The hottest summer in 13 years is a big reason why sales have soared this year. Tougher drink-driving laws and a more health-conscious consumer class are others, experts say.

But an underlying reason why the trickle has turned into a flood is worry about British tap water purity, experts say.

"We've always regarded our tap water as being of first rate quality and the continent as a place where you don't drink the tap water," said Tim Wilkinson, spokesman for Perrier, the company which turned fizzy water into a lifestyle statement.

"Now because people are becoming

increasingly aware of the problems with tap water they are looking for alternative sources."

Concern over tap water purity made headlines this summer in the midst of scares about salmonella, listeria and other kinds of health hazards in eggs and some processed food.

It was vividly portrayed in media pictures of hundreds of midget larvae swimming in tap water from a reservoir outside London. That was caused by an unusually hot summer.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government unwittingly stoked further public unease about tap water in an advertising campaign about plans to privatise the water industry.

Those against the plan capitalised on a row between the British government and the European Economic Community, which is trying to set standards of water

purity throughout the 12-state bloc.

The government does not dispute that some British water is not up to EEC standards but is at odds with Brussels over how soon it can update its supply system.

The European commission said a British plan to modernise water supply by 1993 was too slow and in June gave the government two months to meet a 1985 directive on water standards or go to the European court.

Britain was not alone in the EEC in lagging on meeting the commission's directives. But the row — one Sunday newspaper devoted its entire magazine issue to chemical analysis of water throughout the country — was a tonic for bottled water sales.

British thirst for bottled water is still a long way behind France, where "eau minérale" is one of life's necessities. The French drink 83 litres of bottled water a

year per person — about a glass a day for every man, woman and child.

Italians drink 80 litres per person, West Germans 73, and even Americans, who like tap water, drink 23 litres a year.

Britons drink only four litres per person.

Projecting 2000 expects this to rise to 17 litres per person in 10 years time, which will put Britain into the European big league, but will not narrow the gap with the French much.

The British market was late to catch the wave because Britons were content with their water supply and because they consume so much tea and soft drinks, said David Tucker, director of research at Projection 2000.

Little effort was put into exploiting British natural water springs until recently, Tucker said. French companies still dominate the British market, although local brands like Scotland's highland spring have made inroads.

Its French rival Evian said its sales in Britain were up 95 per cent in the first half of 1989. "The UK is the fastest growing market in Europe," said Evian spokesman Michael Paine.

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Industrialists told to invest in Poland

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Solidarity leader Lech Wałęsa, whose movement is poised to lead Poland's new government, has urged industrialists to invest in the country and save it from bankruptcy.

"Poland is a wonderful country. There is plenty of business to do together," Wałęsa said after arriving in Dusseldorf on Tuesday on his first visit to West Germany.

"We don't want any cash. We are only making a business proposition. It's not too late, but the longer you wait the more expensive it will be (to revitalise the Polish economy)."

EVENTS

WATSON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum: OPEN Sat., Wed., 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

world.
Soc House: SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Indian food festival

RAMADA Al Salam is organising an Indian food festival from Sunday Sept. 3 till Thursday Sept. 7, 1989. Big variety of delicious Indian dishes and sweets, this is beside the authentic Indian atmosphere tailored to match the occasion.

Time: from 7 pm up to midnight. Place: El Bender Coffee Shop.

Oman celebration

SEPT. 14: It has been proposed to celebrate the

Onam Festival at Indian Arts Circle. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Ona Sadya. Passes will be available with K.C. Esplan. Tel: 2405100 (Off) 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuruvilla, 4745628 (Off) 5638602 (Res), Madhu, Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

Weaving

ANYONE interested in abstract, picture or Sada style weaving, please contact Fran Rees for further details. Tel 567425 (Salwa).

Proposed times:

Sunday 9.30 - 13.00 start Sept 10.

Tuesdays 14.30 - 18.00 start Sept 12.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00: Opening and Holy Quran
9.15: Good morning
9.30: Cartoons
10.00: Magazine D'Actualite
10.15: Asr Al Hob: daily Arabic serial (final part)
11.00: News in brief
11.15: Al Danat: local serial (part 5)
12.00: News in brief
12.15: Al Hesab: recreational programme
1.00: News Summary
1.05: World Today via Satellite
1.30: Cartoon serial
2.00: Variety programme
2.15: Al Huda Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial (part 16)
3.15: Religious programme
3.35: Cartoon serial
4.00: Cartoons
4.30: Tkhan: Miss Al Hocid feature, starring: Ali Al Braiki, Shamsud Naser and Husain Mansoor
6.00: News in brief
6.30: Night chemists, airlines and public announcements
7.00: Cultural film
7.30: Egypt: information message to Kuwait
8.00: Variety programmes
8.30: Religious programme
9.00: Arabic News
9.45: Wajeeda: We Sami: Arabic serial (part 2)
10.00: Al Donya Jara Film: Iftah: Arabic feature film, starring: Sina Jameel, Merfat Ameen, and Farooq Al Fishawi
12.25: Variety programme
1.00: News summary

FRIDAY

9.00: Opening and Holy Quran

9.25: Cartoons

10.00: Magazine D'Actualite

10.15: Variety

10.30: Religious programme

11.00: Friday Prayers

12.30: Variety programme, prepared by Mohamed Al Fares, presented by Fatima Abdul Wahab

1.00: News summary

1.05: World Today via Satellite

1.30: The Friday break: variety programme

3.30: Cartoons

4.00: Ghala Ya Nas: local play. Starring: Abdul Aziz Al Masood, Maryam Al Saleh, and Ibrahim Al Salal

6.00: Variety programme

6.30: Night chemists, airlines and public announcements

7.00: Kuwait in a week: documentary programme

7.30: KTV programme in a week

8.15: Variety programme

8.40: Religious programme

9.00: Arabic News

9.45: Wrestling

10.30: Kalem: variety programme, with guest star, Mohamed Abd

11.45: News summary

11.50: World Today via

Symposium on development

KALAKAIRALI, Kuwait will be holding a symposium on 'Devolution of power and the national development in the Indian context' on Friday, Sept 8 at 9 am in the Indian embassy hall.

The resolution for the symposium to be moved by Edwa Nazer.

Eminent speakers of the Malayalee community will participate in the discussion.

The function will be presided over by Babu Vadakkath and inaugurated by Varghese Gee, first secretary, Indian embassy, Kuwait.

Thomas Chittazham and K.P. Ashok Kumar will be the moderators.

Members of the Malayalee community are cordially invited.

Satellite

12.15: Holy Quran and closedown

KTV 2

6.00: Opening and Holy Quran

6.10: The Real Ghost: a cartoon series for children

6.30: Take Heart: an educational programme for children

7.00: The Intruders: "Dear Oh Dear." There are 15 types of antelopes in Australia where special farms are built for them like cattle.

7.30: T and T: "Conspiracy," a group of boys find a box full of money and start spending generously. A man notices their new behaviour and asks Mr T to watch them closely.

8.00: News in English

8.30: Breaking Away: recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts of Kuwait...

8.45: The World About Us: a variety of news and events from various parts of the world.

9.15: Miami Vice: "Line Of Fire." Miami police team is changed to protect a man witness for the prosecutor against a dangerous gangster. Many attempts are made for killing the witness which compelled the team to suspect that one of them is co-operating with the gang!

10.00: Valerie: "Whom Team Is It Any Way." The coach refuses to train the team and Valerie has to carry out his mission!

10.30: Moonlighting: "In Outlaws." "Vapula" decides to introduce his fiancee "Dipesto" to his family, but she was unable to come in time.

11.30: News in Brief

11.45: Magazine D'Actualite and closedown

FRIDAY

6.00: Opening and Holy Quran

6.10: Silver Hawks: a car-

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait

Al Jabra Pharmacy

Fahad Al Salem Street, Al Awqaf building

Al Sharq Al Jaded Pharmacy

Al Safat Souq: opp. to the science museum

Negra and Hawalli

Al Hadetha Pharmacy

Negra, Tunis Street, Al Othman complex

Salmiya and Rumeithiya

Razan Pharmacy

Al Razzi Street

Fahadeel and Almadi

Al Fajr Pharmacy

Makkah Street, near Safaway, Fahadeel

Farwaniya

Al Tawon Pharmacy

Farwaniya, Main Street, Al Jarri complex

Jahra

Al Abraj Pharmacy

Jahra, Daabah Al Khozai Street, opp. to the Education Dept.

FRIDAY

Andalus

Lost Idol

Salmya

Hall Reserved

Al Hamra

Arabic film: Al Mushaghabat

Fi Khatar

Drive-In

Arabic film: Al Mawlid

Firdous

Maar Dhaad

Fahadeel Open

Mahadev

Fahadeel

Dhami Garib

Jahra

Young Guns

Granada

Ghar Ehar Ki Kahani

Subhikhat

Thandrum

Al Jaleeb

Meeri Zuban

Almadi Drive-In

Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr 4.08

Zahr 11.46

Asr 3.18

Maghrib 6.03

Isha 7.22

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Happy birthday



Hibah Rahmani celebrates her 10th birthday on September 8. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Hibah goes to the Pakistani School-Rumaihiya and likes to read.



Paul D'Souza celebrates his 6th birthday on September 8. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Paul goes to the Indian School and likes drawing, watching cartoons and painting.



Sumit Singh celebrates his birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Sumit goes to the Indian School and enjoys studying and playing.



Gary Monteiro celebrates his 9th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Gary goes to the New Indian School and likes fishing, football and breakdancing.



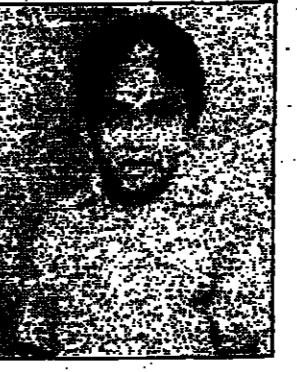
Reggie Rodrigues celebrates his 14th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents and brothers Edwig and McBeth.

Reggie goes to school in Goa and is in Kuwait on a short holiday.



Karen Dias celebrates her 9th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents and brothers Edwig and McBeth.

Karen goes to the Carmel School and likes playing the piano and watching TV.



Jennifer Sasikala celebrates her 10th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Jennifer goes to Stanes High School in India and likes singing, drawing and dancing.

School starters



Fatema Waheed Kothari is starting at Carmel School this year.

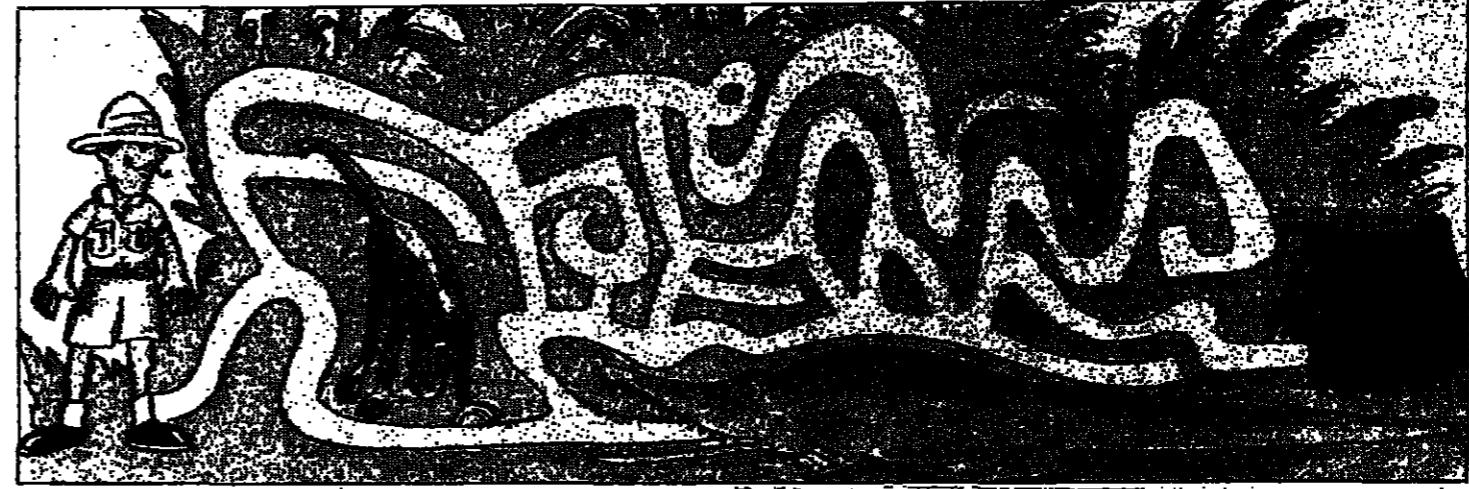
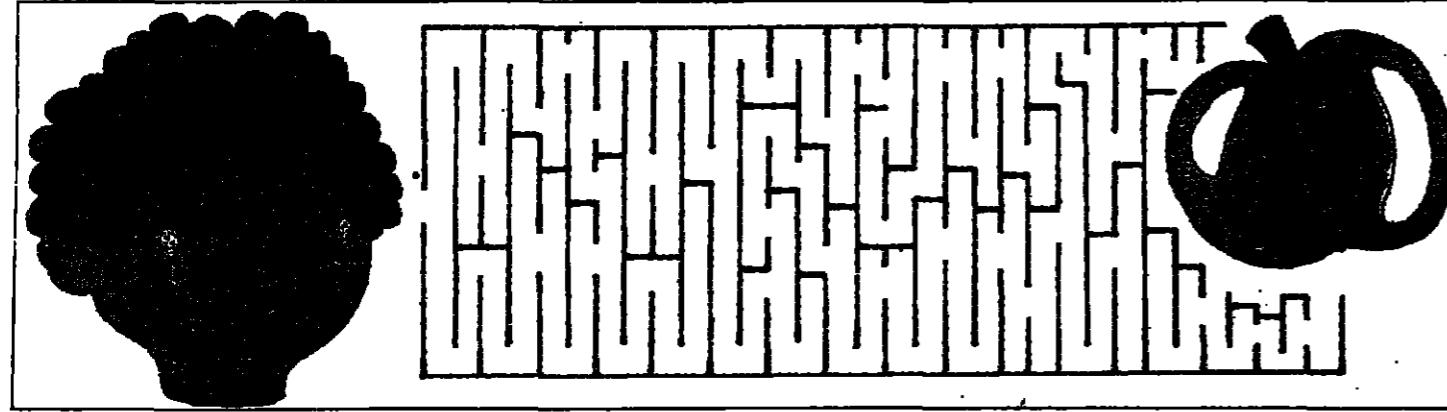
She is a four-year old Indian who wants to become a doctor.



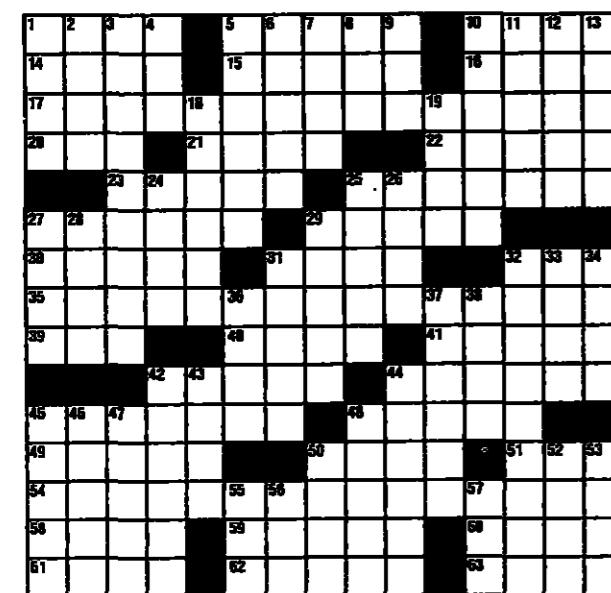
Schreiber Pereira is going to start his education at the New Indian School.

Schreiber, a 41/2 year old Indian wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

Jerry wants to eat the apple, can you help him?



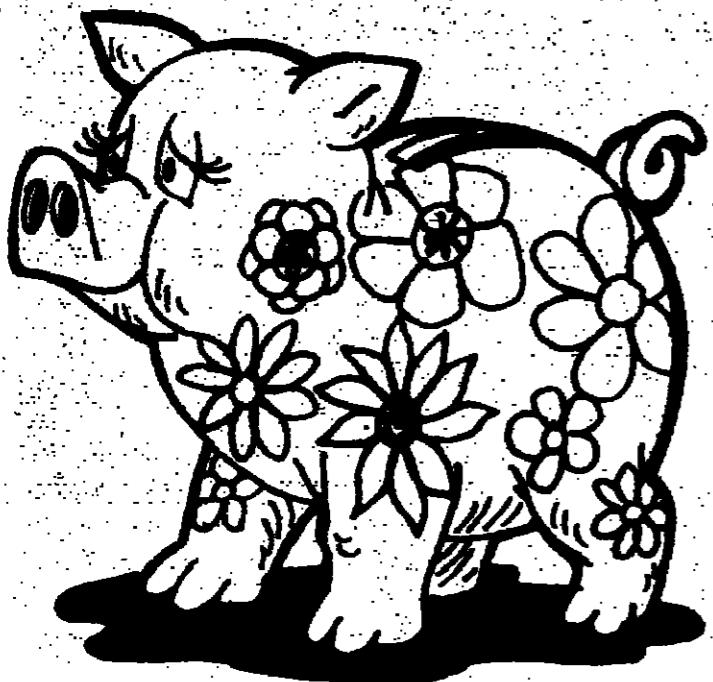
TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 16 Robt.
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- 20 Musical aptitude
- 21 Henhouse
- 22 Hi-tl term
- 23 Greek physician of yore
- 25 Sealing rings
- 27 Diva Maria
- 29 Analyze grammatically
- 30 Valuable violin or sell
- 31 Word with soap or
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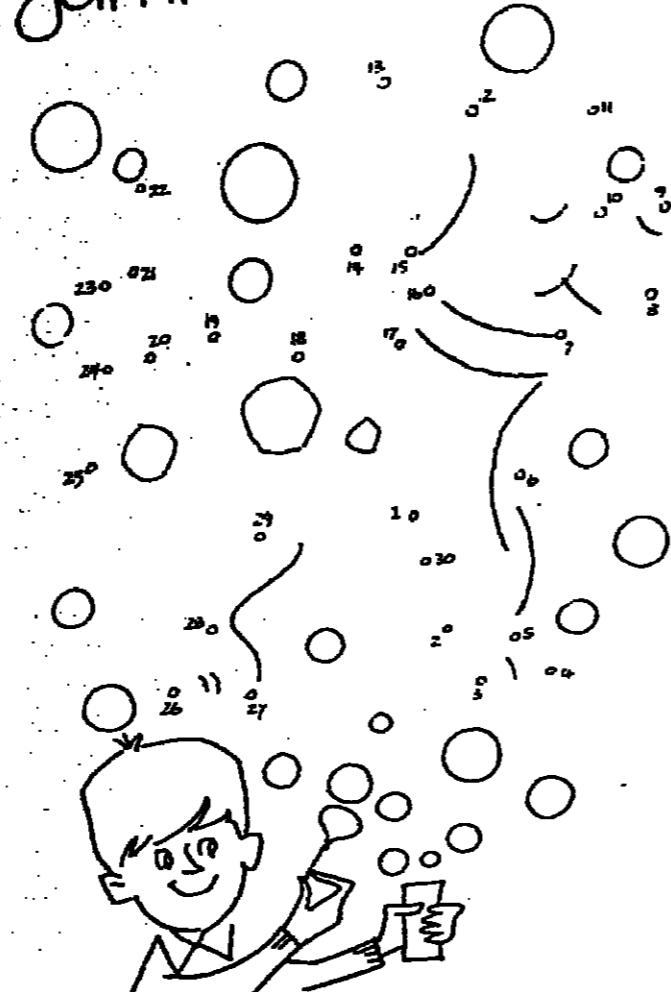


I TOOK my money out and put it in stacks. Help me figure out how much each stack is worth.
13 quarter notes 4 dinar notes = _____ fils = _____ fils
25 half notes 6 KD notes = _____ fils = _____ fils

- Which note do I have the most of? _____
- Which note do I have the least of? _____
- Which notes total the most money? _____
- Which notes total the least money? _____
- How much money do the quarter and dinar notes equal? _____
- How much money do the half and 5 KD notes equal? _____
- Do any of the two stacks of notes equal the same amount of money? _____ and _____
- How much more are the 5KD notes worth than the dinar notes? _____

Join the dots

Join the bubbles.



Unscramble letters

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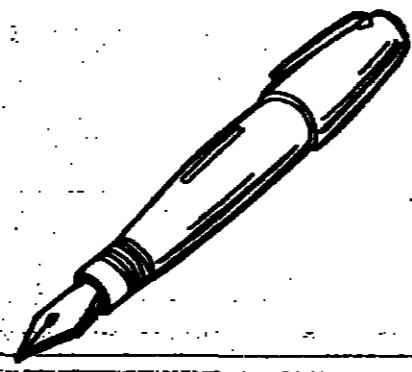


Unscramble the letters to find out what book each member of the family is reading.

September Trail Blazer

Directions: Place the words from the word list below in the boxes to form a continuous pathway. Place one letter in each box. Corner letters are shared by two words. Use each word only once. One word has been done for you (September).

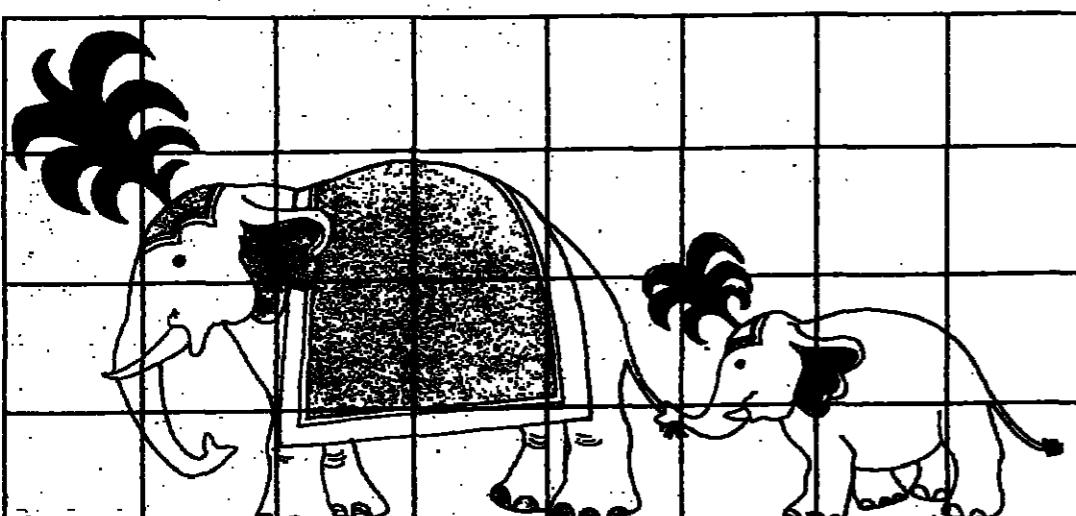
SEPTEMBER



WORD LIST:

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eraser
principal
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learn
paper
homework
school
recess
teacher
student
lunch
pen
grade
September

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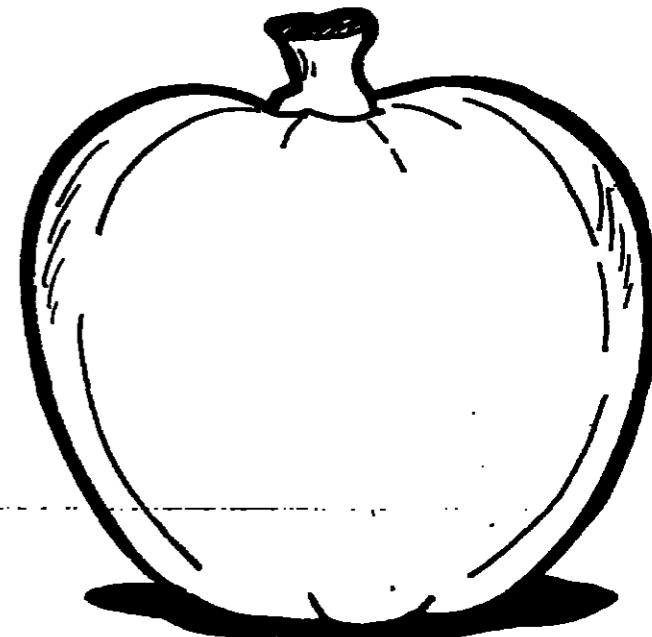
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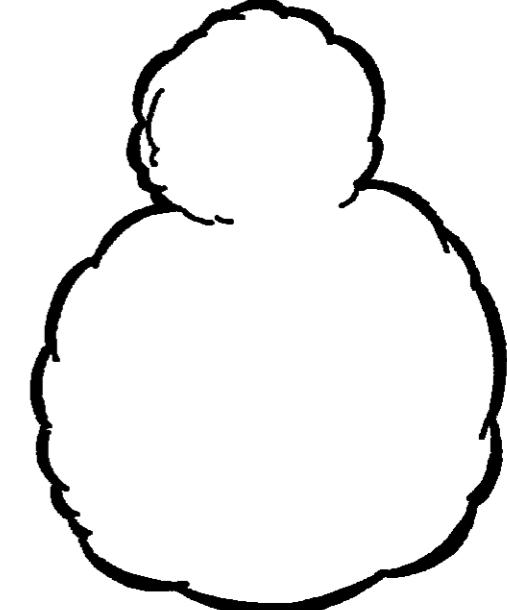
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Aussies beat Danes in one-day match

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Australia weathered a fine spell of pace bowling by Ole Mortensen to beat Denmark by 45 runs in the first of two limited-over matches yesterday.

Australia, batting first on the matting surface on all Danish pitches, quickly abandoned thoughts of an easy victory, when Mortensen, the only professional in a team of amateurs, came on to bowl.

Africans undecided about Bile and Aouita

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 6. (Reuter): An embarrassment of middle-distance riches is hindering African team selection for this weekend's athletics World Cup.

Selectors have not decided whether world record-holder Said Aouita or world champion, Abdi Bile will run the 1500 metres, the blue ribbon event of the three-day meeting beginning on Friday.

Both have been nominated to run but Lamine Diack, president of the African Amateur Athletic Confederation, told Reuters no decision would be made until Aouita arrived.

The Moroccan was expected here today but doubts about his appearance have arisen following his claim to have hurt a calf muscle at the Grand Prix final in Monte Carlo last Friday.

Trivedi:

Although Bile is already here, Diack said, the African officials will offer Aouita the place if he shows up.

Diack said he had not spoken to Aouita, although the Moroccan had tried to call him last night.

"I don't know the severity of his injury and I have no confirmation that Aouita will be there," Diack said.

"But I expect him to arrive on Wednesday and then I will talk to both runners before deciding who will run."

Diack said there was no question of switching Aouita to his world championship-winning distance of 5,000 metres to accommodate Bile, who on Sunday clocked the year's fastest 1,500 metres time of three minutes 30.55 seconds.

The selection problem is likely to aggravate the pair's already delicate relationship, which was strained recently by Aouita's claim that the Somalian was avoiding racing him.

"I can beat Bile any time I want," Aouita said recently. "He's a sprinter, that's all."

Waiting for either Aouita or Bile will be a top-quality field comprising Brian See Cee, the 1980 and 1984 Olympic champion, East German Jens Peter Herold, the Seoul Games bronze medallist, and Italian Gennaro Di Napoli.

For Cee, 33, later this month and representing Britain in his nation's first appearance in the World Cup, the meeting could be his last major appearance in a glittering 12-year international career.

It could also be one of the most memorable. The 800 metres world record holder could emerge one of the heroes of a British team capable of lifting the trophy.

Gold medalist over 800 metres in the 1981 World Cup when he ran for Europe, Cee proved with a superb 1:43.38 in Switzerland last week that he still boasts the change of pace to worry the fast finishers in what is sure to be a slow and tactical battle.

Cee was absent from the British team which triumphed in the European Cup final in England last month — a competition marred by the positive drug test of Soviet shotputter Alexander Bagach, whose disqualification cost the Russians their place here.

Stripped:

No nation has ever successfully defended the World Cup Men's title in the four previous competitions. First held in 1977, and the United States, stripped of many stars including Carl Lewis, do not appear to have the depth of talent necessary to repeat their 1985 win in Canada.

Olympic high hurdles champion Roger Kingdom and long jumper Larry Myricks may be their only winners in a competition contested by eight other teams.

By contrast, the women's cup is set to be dominated yet again by the East Germans.

They are looking for a fourth successive triumph and a team comprising world champions Silke Moeller and Sigmar Wodars and Olympic gold medallist Petra Felke should ensure they keep the trophy they have held since 1979.

Mortensen, who plays for English county Derbyshire, rattled the Australians during a 10-over spell in which he claimed three for 15, the best bowling figures of the match.

Australia recovered thanks to Tom Moody, top scorer of the day with 53, and were all out for 191 in 39.3 of their 40 overs. David Boon was dropped four times while scoring 48 and Dean Jones made 35 in a

less chancy innings.

Captain Allan Border was run out for two, one of five batsmen run out.

The Danes batted confidently against the Australian fast bowlers but had trouble playing slower bowling and were unable to keep up their scoring rate.

Captain Soeren Henriksen was top Danish scorer with 48 runs, followed by Peer Jensen with 29.

But sound Australian fielding made the difference between the two sides and Denmark ended their 40 overs on 146 for nine.

Some 3,500 Danes play cricket and the game has become steadily more popular in the past 25 years. It was brought to Denmark by British railway builders in the mid-19th century and at one stage was more popular than soccer, now the national sport.

Orioles edge Indians

Angels tame Brewers

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (AP): Baltimore's Cal Ripken became the first shortstop in baseball history to hit 20 or more home runs in eight consecutive seasons and then doubled home the tie-breaking run in a two-run seventh as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Cleveland Indians 3-1 last night.

After hitting his 20th home run with two out in the first, Ripken hit a tie-breaking double in the seventh following Steve Finley's

two-out single off John Farrell, 8-14. Ripken scored an insurance run on Larry Sheets' double.

Ripken and Ernie Banks had been the only shortstops to hit 20 or more home runs in seven consecutive seasons. Banks hit 20 or more from 1955-61 for the Chicago Cubs before being shifted to first base.

Tigers 10, Royals 2

The Tigers won their fifth straight game for the first time since June 1988 as Rookie Kevin

Ritz pitched seven strong innings and Doug Strange's two-run double keyed a six-run first.

Twins 8, Rangers 4

Carmen Castillo's second home run of the game, a two-run shot, triggered a tie-breaking four-run seventh inning and Kevin Tapani scattered six hits over seven innings in his first Major-League start.

Blue Jays 6, White Sox 1

Toronto's Dave Stieb pitched a three-hitter over seven scoreless innings and beat Chicago for the 18th time in 22 decisions as the Blue Jays remained one game ahead of Baltimore in the American League East.

Manny Lee drove in two runs with a double and a single off Steve Rosenberg while Mookie Wilson had a pair of singles and scored twice.

Athletics 13, Red Sox 1

Curt Young allowed one unearned run in five innings and Oakland scored four unearned runs in the third off Roger Clemens. The A's wrapped up with eight runs against four Boston pitchers in the eighth.

Oakland's 3 and 1-2 game lead over Kansas City in the American League West is the A's largest of the season. The third-place Red Sox fell six games behind Toronto in the AL East.

Yankees 12, Mariners 2

Deion Sanders drove in four runs with a pair of doubles and one of New York's three homers as the Yankees won their sixth straight game.

The Yankees rapped out 17 hits, including home runs by Roberto Kelly and Steve Sax and a single, two doubles and three RBIs by Steve Balboni.

Meanwhile, Eric Plunk held Seattle to four hits in seven innings, including Jay Buhner's two-run homer in the fourth.

Angels 8, Brewers 4

California returned home from a disastrous 4-11 road trip and snapped a five-game losing streak as Brian Downing and Cliff Davis each homered and drove in three runs. The Angels have won six in a row at Anaheim stadium, where they are 43-23.

Reds 6, Giants 5

Ken Griffey hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run third inning, and Cincinnati barely held on to snap San Francisco's five-game winning streak.

The Giants, who had come back from an 8-0 deficit in the final three innings Monday night to win 9-8, rallied from a 6-2 deficit this time. Rookie Jim Weaver's two-run double in the eighth inning hit the top of the eighth inning hit the top of the eighth inning.

Mets 3, Cubs 2

The New York Mets, in danger of falling out of the National League East race, beat Chicago on Juan Samuel's ninth-inning single to pull within 3 and 1/2 games of the first-place Cubs.

Results

American League

Baltimore	3	Cleveland	1
New York	12	Seattle	2
Toronto	6	Chicago	4
Detroit	10	Montreal	5
Minnesota	8	Texas	6
Oakland	13	Boston	8
California	4	Milwaukee	2

National League

New York	3	Chicago	2
Houston	3	Los Angeles	1
St. Louis	7	San Diego	3
Montreal	6	St. Louis	4
Cincinnati	6	San Francisco	5
Philadelphia	3	Pittsburgh	4

Florida out of top 10

Notre Dame No. 1 in poll

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (AP): Notre Dame took over the No. 1 ranking with an impressive win in the kickoff classic, while opening losses dropped Southern California, Florida, State and Louisiana State out of the top 10 yesterday in the Associated Press' college football poll.

The Fighting Irish, who routed Virginia 36-13 last Thursday, replaced Michigan in the top spot in the first regular-season top 25. Michigan opens at home against Notre Dame on Sept. 16.

The last time No. 1 met No. 2 was last Nov. 26, when top-ranked Notre Dame beat Southern Cal 27-10.

Notre Dame received 31 first-place votes and 1,430 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters. Michigan was second with 18 first-place votes and 1,419 points.

Informed of the media's vote,

Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said: "I just hope they're right for a change."

Miami was ranked No. 3, followed by four other teams that have yet to play a game — Nebraska, Auburn, UCLA and Arkansas. Miami received four first-place votes, while Nebraska was No. 1 on six ballots. No other teams received first-place votes.

Oklahoma, Colorado and Clemson round out the top 10. Oklahoma moved up seven spots after crushing New Mexico State 73-3. Colorado jumped from No. 14 to No. 9 after beating Texas 27-6 and Clemson Rose from No. 12 to No. 10 following a 30-0 win over Furman, the defending division I-AA champion.

Southern Cal fell from No. 5 to No. 13, Florida State dropped from No. 6 to No. 16 and LSU plummeted from No. 7 to No. 21 after losing their openers.

Illinois edged Southern Cal 14-13 Monday night. On Saturday,

Florida State lost to Southern Mississippi 30-26 and LSU was beaten by Texas A&M 28-16.

Five teams dropped in the poll despite winning.

Arizona fell from No. 18 to No. 20. Houston from No. 21 to No. 22, Pittsburgh from No. 20 to No. 23, Brigham Young from No. 19 to No. 24 and North Carolina State from No. 24 to No. 25.

Arizona beat Stanford 19-3.

Houston clobbered Nevada-Las

Vegas 69-0; Brigham M. Young downed New Mexico 24-3; Pittsburgh routed Pacific 38-3; and North Carolina State edged Maryland 10-6.

West Virginia, which defeated

Bell State 35-10, remained at No. 17.

No. 12 Penn State, No. 14 Syracuse and No. 19 Alabama did not play. Iowa and Ohio State dropped out of the top 25 even though they were idle.

Berger keen to finish first race of season



Prost leads Senna during an earlier race this season.

"We ran the new engine in the recent tests and it performed very well," commented an enthusiastic Nigel Mansell. "With a bit more engine performance and our current chassis, I am sure that we can continue to give the McLarens a tough race. The

BRUSSELS, Sept. 6. (Reuter): West German sports car firm Porsche will drop plan to return to Formula One motor racing by 1991 unless the Onyx team find a sponsor to back the deal, the Onyx team chief said yesterday.

"If we don't find a sponsor there will be no Porsche engine in Formula One, it's as simple as that. It's either Onyx or nothing," Onyx team owner Jean-Pierre van Rossem said.

Porsche turned down his offer.

"They say there's too much concentration of interests. I would represent two of the three parties involved — team owner and sponsor — and they want somebody else as third party," Van Rossem told Reuters in a telephone interview.

Prost is the only driver to have

signed a deal with the team.

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Felke: undefeated in 27 straight appearances

E. Germany take commanding lead

Felke improves 1989 best

Norway hold France 1-1 in Cup qualifier

OSLO, Sept. 6. (Reuter): France and Norway drew 1-1 in a World Cup qualifying match yesterday, with French hopes for revenge after a humiliating 1987 defeat here thwarted by a late goal.

Neither side had any realistic hope of reaching next year's finals in Italy. But coach Michel Platini's young squad had hoped to avenge the 2-0 defeat which cost France the chance of defending their European Championship title.

France, clearly the more skillful of the two sides, took the lead with a hotly-disputed penalty in the 40th minute.

Bulgarian referee Todor Kolev decided Jean-Pierre Papin had been felled in the penalty area and the in-form striker made no mistake from the spot.

The Norwegian side, and the crowd, protested loudly but to no avail.

However, Norwegian honour was saved by defender Rune Bratseth in the 84th minute. He rose to meet a corner from the left at the far post and headed emphatically past French goalkeeper Joel Bats.

France proved incisive in building up attacks but never seemed able to convert their superiority into goals. Christian Perez was the undoubted star, a tireless worker in midfield and attack.

Striker Eric Cantona had the ball in the net three minutes from the end but had already been ruled offside.

The French came desperately close in the seventh minute when Perez blasted a shot past Norwegian goalkeeper Erik Thorsdottir only to see it hit the post and rebound into the arms of the stunned but grateful keeper.

Both sides were shaky in defence, although superior French ball skill and control ensured their dominance of the midfield.

● In Helsinki, Finland beat Wales 1-0 (halftime 0-0) in their World Cup European Group Four soccer qualifier here today. Scorer: Mika Liponen (50th minute)

● And in Stockholm, Sweden and England drew 0-0 in a World Cup European Group Two soccer qualifier today.

Remaining fixtures: October 8 Sweden v Albania October 11 Poland v England October 25 Poland v Sweden November 15 Albania v Poland.

Tournament approved

THE International Football Federation (Fifa) has given Kuwait its final approval for a 12-team football tournament, to be held as part of the Friendship and Peace Games scheduled to be held in Kuwait next month.

In a letter to the Kuwait Football Association (KFA), Fifa general secretary J.S. Blatter said that the approval had been given after taking into consideration that these Games are regional and comprise other sports and also that these are planned every four years.

Maradona calls truce

NAPLES, Italy, Sept. 6. (Reuter): A mouth-long battle of wills between Diego Maradona and his Italian club Napoli ended today when the Argentine soccer superstar agreed to return to work.

A club spokesman said the Napoli and Argentina captain, back in Naples since Monday following an unauthorised extended holiday, would make himself available to team trainer Alberto Bigon immediately.

The announcement followed a meeting between Maradona and

Prost signs for Ferrari

MARANELLO, Italy, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Alain Prost will join Nigel Mansell at Italian formula one team Ferrari next season, Ferrari announced today.

A statement said Frenchman Prost, twice world champion and this season's championship leader, had signed a contract

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The Regency Ladies Bridge Club will start their first game of the season

Evert won first singles title in 1971

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (AP): Here are Chris Evert's career highlights:

- Won her 1,000th career victory in the 1984 Australian Open, defeating Pascale Paradis, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2. She was the first male or female to reach this milestone.
- Leads all professional players with 157 singles titles.
- Entered the US Open she ranked second to Martina Navratilova in career earnings with \$8,828,195.

- Won her first singles title in 1971 by beating Laurie Fleming, 6-2, 6-1, in Fort Lauderdale event.
- Won her 1,000th career victory in the first round of the 1988 US Open, defeating Nicole Dias, 6-1, 6-0.
- Won her 100th match at the US Open this year, the first in 108 years of US Tennis Championships, by beating Patricia Tarabin, 6-2, 6-4.
- Won at least one Grand Slam singles title per year for 13 years (1974-86).
- Won six US Open titles, was a finalist three times and a semifinalist eight times.
- Won seven French Open titles, was a finalist two times and a semifinalist three times.
- Won three Wimbledon titles, was a finalist seven times and semifinalist six times.
- Won two Australian Open titles.
- Ranked No. 1 November 1975-July 1978;

- January-March 1979; June-August 1979; November 1980-May 1982; June-October 1985.
- Holds a .897 lifetime winning percentage (1,286-147). The 1,286 wins are the most of any professional player.
- Has the best record on clay of any player for any single surface with a 125-match win streak from August 1973 to May 1979, until Tracy Austin defeated her, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 at the 1979 Italian Open semifinals.

Sun sets on Evert's career

Navratilova demolishes Maleeva



Garrison returns a shot to Evert. (Reuter wirephoto)

Yesterday she had the audacity to stop Evert before the 34-year-old queen of tennis could reach a fitting stage of the tournament from which to take her final Grand Slam bows.

"This felt really sad because I knew I was beating a champion that we'll never get to see play again," said Garrison, who in the semifinals will face Navratilova who beat Bulgaria's Manuela Maleeva, 6-0, 6-0 in the other quarterfinal.

"Chris is someone that I've

always admired because she's

always such a lady on the court. Once match point was over a tear came to my eye."

The 20,000-strong National Tennis Centre crowd, which had eagerly anticipated one more classic Grand Slam encounter

between Evert and Navratilova,

could not rattle Garrison whose concentration was superb.

The fans hung on every point, hoping perhaps that the collective will of the masses could keep Evert's ball in play or move Garrison's shot into the net by telekinetic energy. But it was not to be.

A dark cloud that hung ominously over Louis Armstrong Stadium through the entire match provided appropriate gloom for one of the sport's saddest moments.

Evert, who had beaten Garrison in nine of their previous 10 matches, quickly fell behind 2-0 with a pair of double faults in the second game.

But the fourth seed broke back and reeled off five consecutive games for 5-2 with the loss of just five points.

At that point, a day after Jimmy Connors' stunning upset of Stefan Edberg, it seemed as if the old folks would continue to steal the US Open spotlight.

But the 25-year-old Garrison turned up the heat by attacking the net and disrupting Evert's baseline game.

"I realised I had nothing to lose so why not go for it. I said 'I'm going to get everything she hit, and it worked.'

Twice Evert served for the set — at 5-2 and 5-4 — and twice Garrison broke service to stay alive.

Evert finally held for 6-6 to force a tiebreak but could not halt the momentum of the powerful Texan whose serve came to life in winning the tiebreak.

Navratilova was all over Maleeva, rushing the net at will and putting shot after shot away, with Maleeva missing even the easy ones.

"I pressed her at the start and she started making errors she wouldn't have," Navratilova said.



Evert gives a final wave to the fans. (Reuter wirephoto)

Johnson stays silent

TORONTO, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Ben Johnson washed his dog at his suburban Toronto home yesterday and declined to speak to reporters about the decision to strip him of his world records.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) congress earlier in the day erased Johnson's 100 metres world mark of 9.83 seconds set at the 1987 Rome World Championships because he admitted he was taking steroids.

Johnson, wearing a grey T-shirt and white shorts, washed his dog outside his home and ignored requests for a comment. His mother tried to shoot away a camera crew.

Meanwhile, International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch called today for a clear definition of what constitutes illegal drug taking in sport.

Samaranch told delegates on the second and final day of the IAAF congress here that the IOC and the IAAF had lists of banned substances.

"This is not enough," he said.

"We don't have a clear definition of doping. We must have a clear definition of the border between prohibited drugs and medicine."

Samaranch said it was important to punish athletes who were discovered using banned performance-enhancing drugs.

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